



DG ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

MAR. 20TH - MAR. 24TH



Weekly Schedule (Lunch Menu)

Monday 3/20: Day 2- Music

Mini Corndogs

Tuesday 3/21: Day 3- Library/Art

Walking Taco

Wednesday 3/22: Day 4- PE

Crispy Chicken on Bun

Thursday 3/23: Day 5- Music

Chicken Teriyaki on Rice

Friday 3/24: Day 6- Library/Art

Fish (Cod) Nuggets

March Madness

To start Spring Break, DG Elementary participated in a March Madness basketball game. 5th grade vs. the Staff!! The middle school gym was rocking out with chants for the 5th grade and chants for the Staff! The National Anthem was sung by four 5th graders. The whole school even got to have some fun at halftime by dancing to the Cupid Shuffle. The 5th graders beat the staff with a score of 28-27!! Way to go 5th grade!! #GoUnion #GoKnights!





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Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP)

We will be conducting the bulk of our ISASP testing April 10th-14th for 3rd-5th grade. The following week will be used for any make-up testing.

What can you do at home to your student up for success on ISASP?

1. **Stay on top of school work:** Slow and steady progress throughout the year is a good way to prepare. Trying to cram information at the last minute isn't very effective.
2. **Talk with your child's teacher:** Get frequent progress reports to find out whether your child understands the material.
3. **Read with your child regularly:** This is a good way to expand your child's vocabulary.
4. **Use relaxation techniques:** Teach your child how to stretch, breathe deeply, and stay calm. Practice using these strategies so your child feels comfortable using them on test day.
5. **Be calm and upbeat:** If you seem worried, your child will likely pick up on that and worry even more. So stay calm and be supportive.
6. **Get enough sleep and eat healthy!**



DISTRICT GOALS

Elementary District Goals

Goal 1 Focus: Universal Instruction (2 years)

By Spring 2024, teachers will increase effectiveness of data-based decisions using screeners (myIGDIs, FAST), formative assessments to increase the percentage of students passing classroom (Benchmark Literacy, Everyday Math, Science & Social Studies) and state summative assessments (ISASP) to 80% (Healthy Universal Instruction).

Goal 2 Focus: SEL (Social Emotional Learning)

By Spring 2023, students will develop an increased understanding and demonstrate, in a positive way, the SEL competencies of Self- Management and Social Awareness through impulse control of emotions, perspective taking & empathy, and respect for others.

Goal 3 focus: Communication

By Spring 2023, communication among staff will increase as measured by daily reminder emails, weekly PLC meetings, and monthly staff meetings.



MARCH CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES AT NORMA ANDERS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Weekly Programs Available During Normal Hours Featuring Crafts, Building, Coloring, Learning, and Games/Challenges

Go Green with Green Animals: Monday, March 6 – Saturday, March 11

St. Patrick's STEAM Stations: Monday, March 13 – Saturday, March 18

Go Green with Recycling: Monday, March 20 – Saturday, March 25

Bibliomania! Green Thumb Growers: Monday, March 27– Saturday, April 1

Special Programs

Pi Day, Tuesday, March 14 during normal hours

Bingo, Wednesday, March 15 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Duct Tape Crafts, Thursday, March 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

St. Patrick's Day Come-and-Go Party, Friday, March 17 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Regular Programs

Preschool Stories & More! Wednesdays at 10:15 p.m.

*Please note Preschool Stories & More will not meet during spring break.



PTO NEWS

Glow Dance

Our family glow dance is going to be in April. If anyone would want to be part of the planning or volunteer setup/during/clean up you could email us at DGElementaryPTO@gmail.com.

Cheddar Up

if you would like to donate straight to a cause that PTO assists with you can do so with Cheddar Up, options include popcorn Friday, Holiday Store and general fund.

<https://my.cheddarup.com/c/general-donation-88861?cart=f4fc4030-bfe1-4b42-bacf-a51c75e540ca%21%2140725473>

Popcorn Fridays

Have been a huge hit! We are so excited to be popping popcorn on Fridays again! So far this year we have spent \$368.84 in supplies to run the machine. If you would like to donate to help PTO off set popcorn in our budget please let us know.