DG Elementary
Newsletter

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UNION COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

January 8th - January 12th

Weekly Schedule (Lunch Menu)	
Monday: 1/8	Day 5: Music Grilled Cheese and Tomato Soup
Tuesday: 1/9	Day 6: Library/Art Soft Shell Taco
Wednesday: 1/10	Day 1: PE Chicken Drumstick with Dinner Roll
Thursday: 1/11	Day 2: Music Mandarin Orange Chicken on White Rice
Friday: 1/12	Day 3: Library/Art Pepperoni French Bread

Upcoming Events

January 15th: No School (Professional Development)
January 24th: 1:00 Dismissal (Professional Development)

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Recess Dress Code

With winter weather fast approaching, here is our recess dress code from our student handbook:

0-40 Degrees: Coats, Hats, & Gloves Required
– Boots and Snow Pants Are Required to Play on the Snow (Below Zero = Inside Recess); (Zero to +10 Degrees – Modified Recess).

41-49 Degrees: Coats Required (Hats & Gloves Optional).

50-54 Degrees: Two layers Required (A shirt AND Jacket or Sweatshirt).

55-59 Degrees: Long Sleeves Required to Go Without a Coat.

60 Degrees-Up: No Coat Required

FAST Screening

We will be conducting the second of three rounds of FAST Screening on January 16th-January 26th. This screener doesn't affect your student's grades, but it does provide us with valuable data and information on where our students are academically. We use this information to make instructional decisions and changes as needed. We screen students on their math and reading skills. We look forward to seeing how much our students have grown since the Fall!

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Trivia Night

Parents,
We are having a Trivia Night on Saturday, January 20th! If you're interested in attending, please sign up by next Friday (1/12). This is an adults only event. All proceeds will go to our new playground! I've attached the flyer for more information. You do not need to have an entire team to register! If you're looking for partners, e-mail Aly Goken at alygoken@gmail.com and she can put you with a group!

The link to sign up is:
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/playground-fundraiser-tickets-764810598087?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=ebdsshcopyurl&fbclid=IwAR0o8o60FYNXzNrrZjz6YtFyY-D_45qmvnRkbusBp5ptjotqrqJ96D8BCks

Norma Anders Public Library

On-Going Children's Programs

Preschool Stories & More, Mondays at 10:15 a.m.

Play Café. Wednesdays & Thursdays from 10 a.m. to Noon

Fun Fridays, Fridays during normal hours.

In the MakerSpace:

Construction Zone: Jan. 2-Jan. 6

Kids Create: Winter Crafts, Jan. 8-Jan. 13

Snow STEAM, Jan. 15-January 20

Snowman Fun, Jan. 22-Jan. 27

Bibliomania! Winter Animal Books, Jan. 29-Feb. 3

Programs for Adults:

Card Creations, Mondays from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. and Thursday nights from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Afternoon Book Club, 1st Mondays at 1:30 p.m.

Evening Book Club, 4th Mondays at 7 p.m.

Extended Hours in January: We're staying open until 8 p.m. Thursday nights in January.

B.O.B. Titles: Checkout the Children's Choice Award books being used for the Battle of the Books at our library.

Read More in '24: Our readers had so much fun with our Reading Through Time challenge, that we're offering another chance to Read More! Read your way through the alphabet in 2024, reading through authors from A to Z. You'll have the whole year to complete this challenge. Maybe, you'll discover some new authors! This challenge is open to children through adults. For more information visit our website or ask at the front desk.

Norma Anders Public Library
320 Main St., Dysart/(319) 476-5210/www.dysart.lib.ia.us
Monday and Wednesday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Thursday: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. *on a trial basis
Tuesday and Friday: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. to Noon

The Norma Anders Public library creates a thriving community by providing access to a wide range of resources that support education, promote literacy, facilitate creativity and encourage life-long learning.
It inspires curiosity, innovation and connection.

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Union Elementary Goals

Each year, the instructional teams from DG Elementary and LPC Elementary get together to discuss our common goals. These goals address needs that we feel will impact student learning the most.

UNION ELEMENTARY BUILDING IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2023-2024

Goal 1 Focus: MTSS- Tier I Universal Instruction (2 years)
By Spring 2024, Union Elementary 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: MTSS- Tier II Intervention System
By Spring 2024, Union Elementary teachers will gain a more comprehensive understanding of the MTSS process to develop and implement a more thorough Tier II intervention system to provide targeted support to students who require additional assistance beyond the core curriculum.

Goal 3 focus: SEL (Changemakers)
By Spring 2024, Union Elementary will analyze SAEBRS, mySAEBRS, and Closegap data to promote the development of students' emotional intelligence, interpersonal skills, and overall well-being by continuing to implement our SEL curriculum, Changemakers.