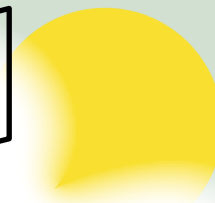


December 2022

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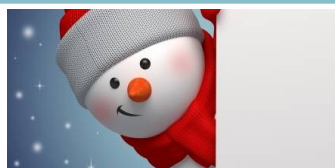
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EARLY RELEASE / PDT DAY

Friday, December 2 is early release; buses will leave the ECC at 11:15 AM.



WINTER VACATION

The last day of classes is Thursday, December 22nd. School will resume on Monday, January 2, 2023. We wish everyone a safe and Happy Holiday Season!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 2

Early Release
11:15 AM

December 8

Breakfast with Santa

December 22

4K Winter Party

December 22

Polar Express

December 23

First Day of Holiday
Break

January 2

Classes Resume

If you live in the Denmark School District and have a child who is age 3 or turning age 3 or by August 2023, please notify the Denmark School District's Early Childhood Office at 920-863-4175 and provide the following to Mrs. Knoflicek: Parent's Full Names, Child's Full Name, Child's Birth Date, Family address, phone number and email address. The Child Find Screening Team will be sure to send you a questionnaire for our Preschool Screening Process. You can also email Lori Knoflicek with the information at: knoflicl@denmark.k12.wi.us



All newsletters will be sent via email / school messenger and are also accessible on the ECC website under the "Families" tab.



A Note from Mr. Grishaber

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! The ECC has had a busy November learning about thankfulness, friendship, and kindness, and it looks like December is going to be even busier!

Students have been following our school-wide expectations of being Respectful, Responsible, and Safe, and earning Denmark Dollars to purchase small rewards, and classrooms have been earning Viking Gold for following school-wide expectations! I'm quite proud of all our ECC students and can't wait to see what December brings.

Our 4K students are learning about gingerbread (I tell ya, these students are going to use Gingerbread Play-doh, cinnamon and clove scented flour in the sensory table, and a BUNCH of other engaging activities to immerse themselves in everything gingerbread). Additionally, 4K will focus on Gifts and Giving, extending November's themes of friendship, thankfulness, and kindness throughout the month of December.

Kindergarten is off and running as well as students are diving deeper into independent reading, adding additional details to their writing and illustrations, and learning how to write and solve simple addition and subtraction equations. Kindergarten

I'm looking forward to a December filled with all the hustle and bustle that comes this time of year!

is also learning how to solve problems by self-selecting solutions such as asking a friend to stop, taking turns, and processing through a conversation by sharing and expressing feelings. Polar Express day ends December with a bang, just before the holiday break.

With gratitude,

Lance Grishaber
Principal, Denmark Early Childhood Center

Colder Weather

As snow trickles into our forecast, please make sure your child has adequate clothing for the weather. Our students will have outdoor recess as long as the weather is 0° or warmer with the windchill. Please make sure your child has a hat, gloves/mittens, boots, snow pants, and a jacket that is warm enough for the dropping temperatures that are labeled with their name. In addition, if your child has an extra set of clothing at school it would be best to check with your child's teacher to determine if these clothes should be switched for warmer items.

Parking

For those that drop-off and pick-up your child, parking in Winter presents a unique set of challenges. Please see the map that provides you with parking opportunities at the ECC. Any blacktop to the South (the old bank and ball diamond) are technically not ECC property and, therefore, have no designated parking spots. Please ensure the safety of yourselves and others if/when parking in these areas, especially in Winter. Please adhere to the painted lines in our parking lot as well.

DROP - OFF

N Wall St

N Wall St is usually closed to thru traffic, with the exception of buses during the morning arrival. We recommended navigating through the parking lot, behind the BMO Harris Bank and Lickety Splits, and exiting by the softball diamonds.

Bus Path

This is the path our buses take everyday during arrival and dismissal. Please make sure this pathway is cleared with parking in our parking lot.



Understanding the Meaning of Your Child's Challenging Behavior

As a parent or caregiver, you may see your child behave in a way that doesn't make sense and ask yourself, "Why does she keep doing that?" It can be very frustrating, especially when it seems like it should be easy for your child to figure out on her own a more appropriate way to behave. In moments like this, it is important to remember that children continue to use a behavior because it works! Your child's behavior is a powerful communication tool that she uses to tell you what she needs or wants. Click the link to find additional information about understanding the meaning of your child's challenging behavior.

CARING AND SHARING

Please help us with our Caring and Sharing projects this year. We have two very worthwhile projects we are working on here at the ECC.



The Community Cupboard is in need of supplies especially during this time of year. The ECC is holding a Food Drive by collecting food items now through **Dec. 18th**. Especially needed are pasta, pasta sauce, soup, cereal, mac and cheese, canned fruit, and peanut butter. There is a collection box in our main hallway. Let's show them our support during this time of need. What a great way to explain to our children caring and sharing!

Also, here at the ECC we are helping the HS Sting Cancer group by collecting items for Chemo Bags to be given to those battling cancer. Items needed are chapstick, stretch gloves—one size fits all, purse/pocket Kleenex packs, puzzle/activity books (mainly adult), hard candies or mints (prefer sugar free), packs of sugar free gum, and travel size hand cream and face masks. Items may be dropped off at the ECC. Items should be dropped off here at the ECC by **Dec. 22nd**.

Please see the attached flyer found in this newsletter.

HOLIDAY DRESS UP DAYS



Monday, Dec. 19 - Crazy Whoville Hair

Tuesday, Dec. 20 - Holiday Wear



Wednesday, Dec. 21 - Ugly Sweater Day

Thursday, Dec. 22 - Pajama Day



WEATHER REMINDER

As the weather is getting colder we would like to remind students to dress warm. On cold or snowy days boots, hats, coats, snow pants, and mittens need to be worn for their protection. **Water proof mittens** work best. Once we start getting snow, students must wear boots on the playground. If there is snow on the ground and students don't have boots, they will have to stay on the cement and won't be able to play on the playground.



STUDENT FEES

Please remember that student fees are \$10 per student. Fees are now past due as the due date was September 24th. Payments can easily be made online via your Infinite Campus Portal or you can send cash or check in a clearly marked envelope that states student fees along with your child's name and classroom teacher.

Thank you



SNOW DAYS / LATE STARTS

Please note: In the event of a late start, **4K AM** classes will **NOT** meet.

Volunteer Background Check / Chaperoning

If you plan on volunteering at school, we will need a current volunteer background check on file. Volunteer Background Check forms need to be filled out each school year.



SCHOOL COUNSELOR UPDATE

Ms. Dani, our school counselor, has taken advance of additional opportunities and will no longer be providing services here at the ECC. We are currently looking for a new school counselor and will update when we have hired a new one.

We wish Ms. Dani all the best in her future endeavors.

DENMARK DOLLAR REWARDS

Students can earn Denmark Dollars for being safe, respectful and responsible here at the ECC. Weekly students are able to shop with their earned dollars. Our reward cart is running low and we are currently looking for donations. Items we are looking for: small toys, stickers, McDonald toys, match box cars, beanie babies, tattoos, small containers of play dough, bubbles, bracelets, party favors, etc.

CHANGE OF CLOTHES

At the beginning of the year you were asked to send a spare change of clothes to school for your child in case of spills or accidents. Most students brought in shorts and short sleeve t-shirts at that time. With the cold weather arriving we ask that you swap out these clothes for a set of long pants and long sleeved shirts. Conferences would be a great time to do this.



We keep extra clothing here at school in case of a spill or bathroom accidents. If your child needs to borrow our clothing we ask that you please wash them and return them in a timely manner. Thank you

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent-Teacher conferences were well attended this year. Your interest and involvement in your child's education is evident. Parents are reminded to contact their child's teacher any time during the year with questions or concerns regarding your child's progress and development.

We would like to express our appreciation to the PTO for the meals provided to our teachers during our conference evenings. The meals provided were delicious. It really made the teachers and staff feel appreciated! Thank you!



SAVE YOUR TABS

The ECC has been saving pop tabs for several years to support the Ronald McDonald House.

Our staff and students love to help others and this is one way we are able to do so. You will find a container as you walk into the front hall of the ECC where your donations can be deposited. Twice a year our tabs are delivered to the Ronald McDonald House in Milwaukee.

Thank you for helping us support the Ronald McDonald house!



ECC Specials Corner

Check Out What Makes Our Specials So Special

Art



Kindergarten students completed their Arlo dog portraits. They learned how to create a furry texture using lines, how to create a tint by painting white over yellow, and used cool colors and symmetry in their backgrounds. Students chose a geometric shape for Arlo's glasses and made them extra fancy with dots and lines.

Students are currently working on their texture turkeys. For this lesson students are following a draw along using curvy organic shapes, creating different texture rubbings inside the turkey's feathers using texture plates and peeled crayons, and painting the turkey with watercolor paint. Gobble! Students will be working on a special holiday lesson next.

Ask your student how they made the texture on their turkey's feathers.

Music



Students are starting to learn about the form of a song with an "A" and "B" section. We are also continuing to learn about instruments that start with different letters with our friend Callie the Cowgirl. Students will also be using the boomwhackers to play some fun Christmas songs!

Spanish



Kindergartners have been working on both colors and numbers in Spanish class. Many kids can already count to ten in Spanish. Now we want to identify the correct number word to correspond to the quantity. Color words can be a bit more difficult than numbers, so students might take a little longer to remember. They will be able to identify and point out the color they hear, before they will be able to name the colors. Soon students will also be working on shapes. Students have been signing songs in Spanish since September. Ask them to sing you our "Buenas Tardes" song.

Physical Education



By now, all kindergartners should be underhand tossing experts!! "Toes - T - Step - Swing" - and hopefully they remember which foot to take their step with 😊. We have worked very hard on this skill for much of the month of November. We had a week of stations which included: tossing into cones (similar to the Cornhole Toss Backyard Game), tossing with a higher arc into a lowered basketball hoop, and tossing Beanie Baby cats into cans decorated to look like the "Cat in the Hat". Along with these tossing stations, there was a fitness station, a "cardio" obstacle course and a balancing station. We ended the month introducing cup-stacking skills. Cup stacking or speed stacking is excellent for students to work on eye-hand coordination and helps students to use both their right and left sides of their brain. When students are sport stacking, they are crossing the "midline" of their bodies and developing new connections in their brains. These new connections help to spur brain growth which promotes greater academic achievement. ~Mrs. Chester and Mr. Wojta



I went to the Library

Kindergarten



Dear Kindergarten Parents,

Once every week or so, your child will check out one book from the ECC Library Media Center. Books may be kept until their next library class. Students are responsible for lost or damaged books, so please help your child keep their books safe. I encourage students to keep their library book in their backpack when they are not reading them. This helps them because the book will be in their backpack to turn in when their next library day pops up. When they turn in the last book they checked out, they can check out a new book. Please help us by encouraging your child to care for and enjoy our books.

Mrs. Bain, Library Media Specialist

Reading To and With your Child

Relax.... with your child, take the opportunity to give them a cuddle, or sit them on your lap when you read to them.

Time.... find a time which is suitable to both you and your child. Reading time should be an enjoyable experience, not a task.

Selection.... give your child a chance to choose a book to read. Children need to have some control over what they read. But...you may help them out. ☺

Encourage... allow your child to join in, make sure they can see the pictures and words as well as allowing them to turn pages carefully.

Reflect.... Talk about what happened in the story, their favorite part or character and why.

Reading is for a lifetime, invest now! Read everyday!!





NEWS FROM FOOD SERVICE

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Thank You ALL for your participation in the School Meal Program.

Updates:

- ~Visit our Menu Web Site - denmark.nutrislice.com
- ~Breakfast is available every morning. Breakfast requires ½ Cup of Fruit or Vegetable per USDA
- ~Breakfast Price For This Year is \$1.80 - Lunch Price For This Year is \$2.75
- ~Milk Break is offered daily. The Cost for this is \$.55 per day
- ~If your Child brings a Cold Lunch and wants a Milk, that Cost is also \$.55
- ~Free and Reduced Applications are available all year, please contact Kristi Buhr or see School Web Site.
- ~PLEASE KEEP FAMILY ACCOUNT BALANCES IN THE POSITIVE.
- ~Please contact Jody Behringer FSD, 863-4220 for any questions
- ~Please have any Payments for the Food Service turned in by 8:30 a.m. daily so it can be credited for that day. PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE THRU THE PARENT PORTAL IN INFINITE CAMPASS Make checks payable to "DENMARK SCHOOL DISTRICT"
- ~PLEASE PUT PAYMENTS IN AN ENCLOSED ENVELOPE MARKED WITH THE HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD and STUDENT(S) NAME. THANK-YOU
- ~BREAKFAST w/ SANTA DATES: ECC - DEC. 8th and ELEM. DEC. 15th

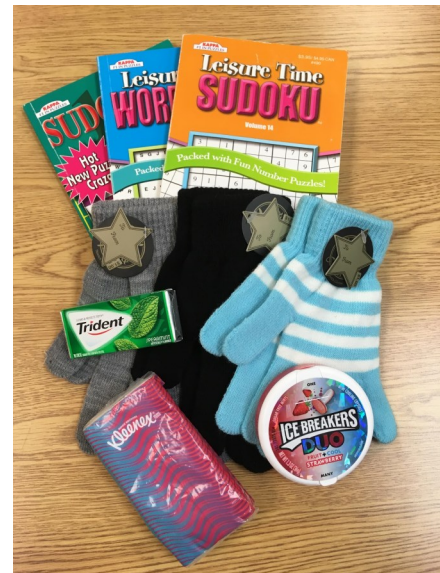


Denmark Sting Cancer

Chemo-Bag

Christmas Wish-List Collection:

- Stretch gloves - one size fits most
- Purse/pocket Kleenex packets
- Puzzle / Activity books
- Hard Candies or Mints (prefer sugar-free)
- Packs of gum (sugar-free)
- Travel size hand-cream
- Chapstick
- Facemasks



**Drop these items off inside ALL of the
Denmark School main entrances
during the month of December.**

Holy Family Hospital Cancer Treatment Center receives our Chemo Bags. The patients are so appreciative that others care. This is one example:

"Soon after entering HFM for my treatment setup, I received a most pleasant surprise. A gift of many thoughtful items which trigger memories of your generosity whenever I use them. With sincere thanks and much appreciation." - John

Influenza (the flu) is an infection of the nose, throat and lungs caused by influenza viruses. There are many different strains of the flu virus, and they are constantly changing. These viruses cause illness, hospital stays and deaths in the United States each year.

The flu can be very dangerous for children. Each year about 20,000 children younger than 5 years old are hospitalized due to flu complications, including pneumonia.

FLU FACTS FOR PARENTS

How can I protect my child against the flu?

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the first and most important thing you can do is to get a flu vaccine for yourself and your child. Talk to your doctor.

- Vaccination is recommended for everyone 6 months of age and older.

What can I do if my child gets sick?

Talk to your doctor early if you are worried about your child's illness.

- **Children 5 years and older without other health problems:** Consult your doctor as needed and make sure your child gets plenty of rest and drink enough fluids.
- **Children younger than 5 — and especially those younger than 2 —** and those of any age who have a long-term health condition such as asthma or diabetes are at greater risk for serious complications from the flu. Talk with your doctor.

What if my child seems very sick?

Seek emergency care or take your child to a doctor right away if he/she has any of the warning or emergency signs below:

- Fast breathing or trouble breathing
- Bluish or gray skin color
- Not drinking enough fluids (not going to the bathroom or making as much urine as he or she normally does)
- Severe or persistent vomiting
- Not waking up or not interacting
- Being so irritable that the child does not want to be held
- Flu-like symptoms improve but then return with fever and worse cough

What are the symptoms of the flu?

Symptoms of the flu can include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills, fatigue and sometimes vomiting and diarrhea. Some people with the flu will not have a fever.

IMPORTANT!

Teach children to cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, or to cough into their sleeve, not their hand! Throw tissues in the trash after you use them.



Can my child go to school or day care if he or she is sick?

No. Your child should stay home to rest and to avoid giving the flu to other children or caregivers.

When can my child go back to school after having the flu?

Keep children home for at least 24 hours after their fever is gone. (Fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.) A fever is defined as 100°F (37.8°C) or higher.



Most experts believe that flu viruses spread mainly by droplets made when people with the flu cough, sneeze or talk. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby. Less often, a person might get the flu by touching something that has flu virus on it and then touching their own mouth, eyes or nose.



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English: If you need this information in your native language, please contact Deb Kralovetz at kraloved@denmark.k12.wi.us or 920-863-4034.

Spanish: Si necesita esta información en su idioma materno, póngase en contacto con Deb Kralovetz en kraloved@denmark.k12.wi.us o 920-863-4034.

Hmong: Yog tias koj xav tau cov ntaub ntawv no ua koj hom lus, thov hu Deb Kralovetz ntawm kraloved@denmark.k12.wi.us los sis 920-863-4034.

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NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

It is the policy of the School District of Denmark that no person may be denied admission to any public school or be denied participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be discriminated against in any curricular, extracurricular, pupil services, recreational or other program or activity because of the person's gender, color, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, gender orientation, physical, mental, emotional or learning disability.



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