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## Upcoming Events

Christmas Break  
Christmas Concert

Enjoy this  
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hope you  
laugh at all  
of our  
comics and  
jokes.  
!!!Enjoy!!!

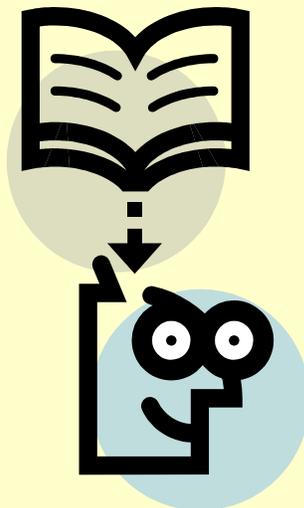
## Principal's Corner

Mrs. Andres says that being the principal at DeSmet is fun but challenging. There are a lot of federal, state, and local rules for schools to follow. She says that school is very important in every student's life. It helps students and their families in all aspects of their lives. She loves making a difference in everyone's life at DeSmet.

Her favorite part of being a principal is getting to know every kid in the school. She enjoys children of all ages. She loves getting to know the little kindergarteners when they go to school for the very first time. She also likes watching the kids grow up and mature after being around them for several years.

Mrs. Andres feels that a majority of the students here at DeSmet attend the school from kindergarten through middle school. The students are a "work in progress". Everyone changes at one time in their life. Helping kids grow is great experience that the entire faculty experiences at DeSmet.

Mrs. Andres said that she chose to be a principal because when she was a teacher, she only got to make a difference in the students that were in her classroom. As a principal, she gets to make a difference in many more students' lives because she sees more students on a regular basis. She chose to be principal at DeSmet because she loves the atmosphere and enjoys working with everyone: staff, students and family.



## HELPFUL HEALTHY HINTS



Happy Holidays!

Dear friends and families,

This issue of *Helpful Healthy Hints* is going to be about the importance of sleep.

According to the website <http://www.cdc.gov/sleep/>, the CDC states these facts regarding sleep:

- For learning in school
- For focus in school and at home
- For proper or healthy growing
- To manage your stress
- To prevent diseases

Pre-school age kids should get at least 11-12 hours of sleep per night.

School aged kids should get at least 10 hours per night.

Teens should get 9-10 hours of sleep per night.

Adults should get 7-8 hours of sleep per night.

A few tips about sleep are regular bed times and wake up times. Also, remove all electronics from your bedroom for better sleep.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Jules



## What's New?

Thanksgiving has come and gone! We at DeSmet hope you had a wonderful day! The 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> book club started a new book called The Compound. The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade book club hasn't quite finished a book yet but they are reading the book Land of Stories. The school got visited by the Star Lab people! They told us some things about stars and constellations. Then he took us in his "dome". In the dome, he had a projector that had planets and constellations that he showed us! It was amazing!



## Survey

This month's survey was on the students' favorite super hero. Most of the students chose Batman as their favorite. Spiderman got second place, and the Hulk got third. Batman got four more votes than Spiderman and five more votes than Hulk.

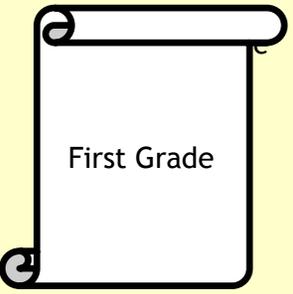


## Class News



### Kindergarten

The kindergarten is not doing any projects. The kindergarten is still learning how to count from 0 to 10 in math. In science, they are learning about plants and animal. In reading, they get a letter every week and they are doing activities and learning songs about the letter. In social studies, they are learning about what community helpers do, and how they work together in a town.



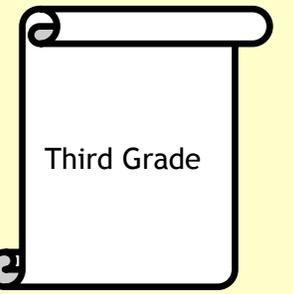
### First Grade

In math, the first grade is learning about addition strategies. In reading, they have 40 memory words. They are also trying to read fluently and read with partners. They are also reading a true story about Mother Fox and her kid. Mrs. Pettit's class it is very fun and energetic. They are reading books about Native Americans and about Thanksgiving. The class's favorite book is Mud Pony, retold by Caron Lee Cohen and Illustrated by Shonto Begay. Mrs. Pettit says every day is special but the class is looking forward to holiday activities. They are also making gifts for their parents and making ornaments.



### Second Grade

In science, the second graders are learning how to grow tomatoes and how plants grow. In math, they are just starting to do Front Row learning. In reading, they are reading The Little's Go Exploring. When they have free time, they like to do the math centers. Their classes' favorite subject is math.



### Third Grade

The third graders are practicing their reading skills. They are also learning how to multiply. Not only that, but they are learning about the moon. After Thanksgiving they will learn how to divide whole numbers as well as learn about the water cycle.

## Fourth Grade

In science, the 4<sup>th</sup> graders are learning about landfills and next week they will be classifying living things. In math, they are starting to do division with remainders. In social studies, they are exploring the north eastern region of the United States. In reading, they are reading The Sign of the Beaver. In language arts, the 4<sup>th</sup> graders are doing plural nouns and regular nouns.

## Fifth Grade

For Halloween Mr. Feeley went trick-or-treating with his son then he handed out candy. For Thanksgiving, he had a big dinner with his family and his wife's family. In math, the 5<sup>th</sup> grade is adding and subtracting decimals. Next, they will be multiplying decimals. In reading, they are using "Reading Street" to practice their grammar as well as reading comprehension. Their current reading unit is about making the right decisions. On November 12<sup>th</sup>, the 5<sup>th</sup> graders went on a field trip to the art museum and to the public library. In science, they are learning the basics of animal and plant cells. In language arts, the class just finished their Prezi presentations. The students were able to pick their own topic.

## Middle School

The 6<sup>th</sup> graders are learning about the 4 ancient empires; the Akkadian Empire, the Babylonian Empire, the Assyrian Empire, and the Neo-Babylonian Empire in social studies. In language-arts, they are continuing to work on complex sentences and will be creating short stories about the Egyptian Gods. In science, the 6<sup>th</sup> graders are learning about the Earth's interior, the mantle, the Earth's crust. They are also studying plate tectonics, the shifting of continents throughout time. In math the 6th graders are working on the operations of fractions

The middle school, in social studies, is learning about medieval times and the struggles of that era. In science, they are learning about genetic traits but are also paying attention to the news, prompting weekly discussions on Ebola. In Spanish, the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders made sugar skulls. In language arts and reading we have made board games for a book called Discordia.



## **Resource Room**

Ms. Valdason's year had a challenging start to the year because she was not familiar with DeSmet's systems of operation. Now she is in a rhythm and feels much more comfortable at DeSmet. She teaches around 20 kids and she has been a teacher for 12 years now. Ms. Valdason's favorite place in the world is India and her favorite animal is a Lemur. Her favorite activity is soaking in the hot springs.

## **Title 1**

Miss Maloney likes taking walks in the fresh snow. Over Thanksgiving break, Miss. Maloney said she cooked a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner, did yoga, decorated, and read a book. Her favorite hot drink is herbal tea.

I talked to Mrs. Ginn about what she likes to do in winter and she likes to drink hot chocolate with marshmallows, sit by a fire, and read a book. She likes to take walks when it is snowing. Over the break, Mrs. Ginn cooked and ate Thanksgiving dinner, watched football, and did some shopping. Mrs. Ginn's favorite hot drink is a mocha latte with a squirt of whip cream.

## **Music**

Happy Thanksgiving every one! The winter concert is December 11<sup>th</sup>. Kindergarten through 2nd grade is going to do some adorable singing and dancing. 3<sup>rd</sup> graders are singing like angels. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders are singing and may be dancing. 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade are playing their instruments. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade choir students are singing and will also be performing a dance.

## **Art**

Art has finished the day of the dead celebration and Mr. Chambers is proud of all the students work. Middle school is going to learn about image manipulation and how to draw on I-pads. Students will be making their own digital art and the art will be printed and displayed. The third, fourth, and fifth graders are going to learn how to draw human proportionately. Several students in Art Club are doing their own art work and are having a great time with Mr. Chambers. Mr. Chambers has also started a 6 week art program after school for those interested in exploring the arts.

## **P.E.**

Due to the cold weather, Ms. Knutson is taking all of her classes inside so that the children can stay warm. Due to this, she is playing volleyball with the third all the way through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The kindergarten, first graders, and the second graders are playing with beach balls inside. Ms. Knutson is looking forward to focusing more time in the gym, teaching skills that the students have not been exposed to because they have been playing outside. Stay warm inside!!!



## Jokes

Roses are red.  
Your blood is too.  
You look like a monkey  
And belong in a zoo.  
Do not worry,  
I'll be there too.  
Not in the cage,  
But laughing at you

Q: What did the duck say when he bought lipstick?  
A: "Put it on my bill."  
Q: Why did the turkey cross the road?  
A: Because he wasn't a chicken.

## Students of the Month Elementary

The Student of the Month in Kindergarten is Sakima. If he could have any super power, he would want to be batman. His favorite TV show is “Spiderman.” His favorite season is winter, and his favorite game is skateboarding. His favorite thing to do in the winter is to play coatlon.



Sakima

The Student of the Month in 1<sup>st</sup> grade is Gilbert. If he could have any super power, he would want to be able to run super-fast. His favorite TV show is “SpongeBob.” His favorite season is summer, and his favorite game is Mortal Combat. His favorite thing to do in the winter is to make snowmen.



Gilbert

The Student of the Month in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade is Logan. If he could have any super power, it would be to move metal. His favorite TV show is “Garfield,” and his favorite season is summer. His favorite game is tag, and his favorite thing to do in the winter is to make snowmen.



Logan

The Student of the Month in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade is Cole. If he could have any super power, he would want to be super strong. His favorite TV show is “Henry Danger,” and his favorite season is winter. His favorite game is Minecraft, and his favorite thing to do in the winter is to ski.



Cole

The Student of the Month in 4<sup>th</sup> grade is Eva. If she could have any super power, she would want to be able to fly. Her favorite TV show is “Jessie,” and her favorite season is autumn. Her favorite game is Minecraft, and her favorite thing to do in the winter is to have snowball fights.



Eva

The Student of the Month in 5<sup>th</sup> grade is Victoria. If she could have any super power, she would want to have x-ray vision. Her favorite TV show is “Attack on Titan,” and her favorite season is winter. Her favorite game is Battleship, and her favorite thing to do in the winter is to sit in her room.



Victoria

## Middle School

The student of the month in 6<sup>th</sup> grade is Natalie. Natalie says that if she could have any super power it would be to be invisible. Her favorite TV show is “Drake and Josh.” Her favorite season is summer and her favorite game is the pin game that she has played in P.E. Her favorite thing to do in the winter is to go surf sledding.



Natalie Herr

In 7<sup>th</sup> grade Ellie is the student of the month. If she could have any super power it would be to be able to read minds. Her favorite TV show is “The Walking Dead” and favorite season is autumn. Ellie’s favorite game is Basketball. And her favorite thing to do in the winter is to build snow forts and then drink warm beverages.



Ellie

In the 8<sup>th</sup> grade the student of the month is Tony. Tony says if he could have any super power it would be to fly. His favorite TV show is “Ridiculousness.” Tony’s favorite season is winter and his favorite to do in winter is sled. And his favorite game to play is Football.



Tony

## Teacher of the Month

Mrs. Holden likes DeSmet because she can have wonderful conversations with the staff and students.

She is the k-8 counselor. She loves that she can introduce students to new ideas and help them set goals for their future. On her free time she spends time with family, hikes, and goes on bike rides. She likes the students because of how open-minded and accepting the students are and because of these qualities, her job is wonderful.



## Birthdays

### November

Maddison Crandall 2<sup>nd</sup>

Krista Bernovich 13<sup>th</sup>

Joseph Miller 19<sup>th</sup>

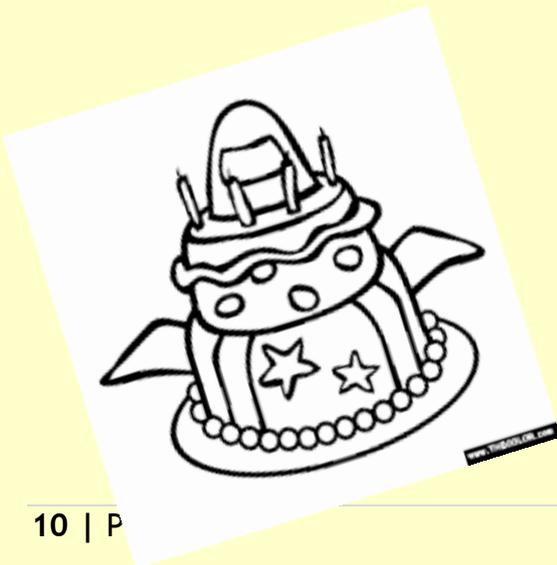
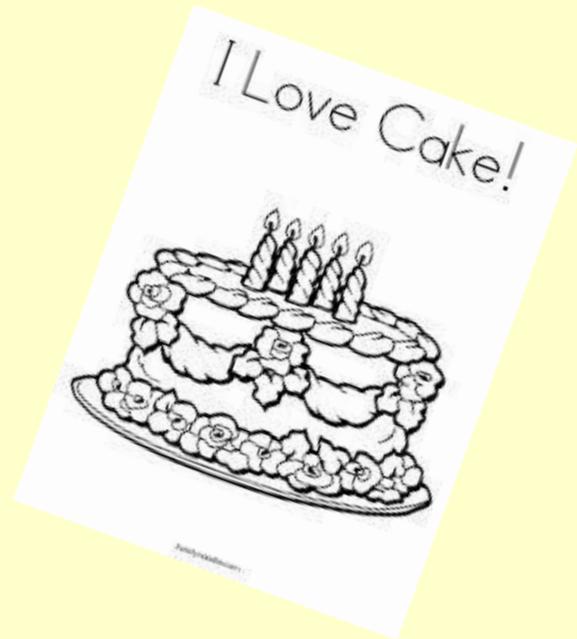
Alicia King 25<sup>th</sup>

Grace Daniel 26<sup>th</sup>

Conner Calkins 30<sup>th</sup>

Victoria Charles 30<sup>th</sup>

Sakima Staber 30<sup>th</sup>



### December

Ryan Herr 8<sup>th</sup>

Lakesha Henson 15<sup>th</sup>

Annalise Michels 17<sup>th</sup>

Chance Shulzitski 17<sup>th</sup>

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BUICK	CADILLAC	CHAVVY	CHEETAH
CHRYSLER	CORVETTE	DAIHATSU	DOODGE
FISKER	FORD	GMC	HONDA
JAGUAR	JEEP	KIA	OLIVIA
PORSCHE	PYTHON	RAM	

### **Calendar Events:**

- ☺ December 5<sup>th</sup>-Padre Life (6-8<sup>th</sup>)
- ☺ December 9<sup>th</sup>-Mid-terms & DeSmet Community Dinner
- ☺ December 11<sup>th</sup>- Winter Program (k-5 begins at 2:45 & 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> starts at 6:30)
- ☺ December 19<sup>th</sup>- Padre Life (4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>)
- ☺ December 22<sup>nd</sup>-January 2<sup>nd</sup>- Winter Break

**Thanks  
For  
!Reading!**