

# PADRE BEACON

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**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!**

# Principal's Corner

Mrs. Andres hates cutting sports. It was an extremely hard decision. It took several months to make the final decision. The school is working with the booster club to add intramural activities to the school's programs. Everyone hopes that DeSmet can have sports next year.

Mrs. Andres says she likes the new math program. She likes how it uses all the technology in the classroom, mainly the Smartboard. The interactive capabilities are a great addition to the math curriculum.

The booster club did the United States painting on the black top. They also have a new tic-tac toe area and repainted the four-square pattern on the black top. Mrs. Andres says she will always be adding new balls for the students to use in four-square.

The book club that Mrs. Andres is running has just finished the book Raft. She enjoyed the book just as the group thought it was a good read.

DeSmet had a star lab spectrum from the University instead of a Halloween dance this year. All of the students were able to go into the lab and look into the night sky, discovering constellations and galaxies.

Bingo night was a success even though Mrs. Andres was bummed that she didn't win. They had great Super Nachos and awesome prizes. That night they also had a babysitting program that was put on by this year's Student Council in order to raise money for upcoming events.

Red ribbon week was from October 27<sup>th</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>. On Monday, all of the students wore red. Tuesday was Hat Day, meaning the students could wear a hat all day. Wednesday was Pajama day. Thursday was sports day, so that everyone could show off their favorite team. Friday was good ole' fashion costume day.



## HELPFUL HEALTHY HINTS



### Helpful Healthy Hints

Dear DeSmet Families,  
October 2014

In light of Red Ribbon week, this month's "Helpful Healthy Hints" focus is on kindness. Kindness radiates through words, actions, intentions, and thoughts. Being kind doesn't just include kindness to our friends or people we prefer to be around. Practice kindness with everyone, including your family, classmates, and the cashier at the grocery store.

In addition to showing kindness to others, we need to remember to be kind to ourselves. THINKING self-loving thoughts will raise our self-confidence and self-esteem. Also, we need to treat our PHYSICAL body with kindness. By eating healthy foods, drinking water, exercising, and staying drug-free we are displaying kindness, which will, in turn, spread to others.

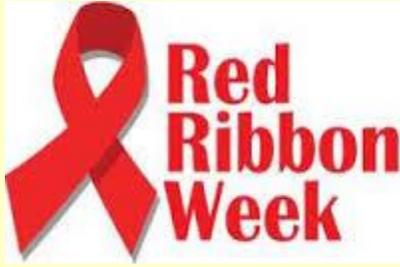
A smile is the only universal sign of body language. Every culture accepts a smile as a welcoming, warm, and non-threatening act of humanity. Smiling takes a fraction of a second but may light up someone's entire day. Be a super hero of kindness and paint DeSmet, Missoula, Montana, the U.S. and the world with smiles. ☺

What other random acts of kindness can you think of doing?

Be well and healthy,  
Ms. Jules

## What's New?

This year there was no Halloween dance but there will be a winter formal. Sadly, there are still no sports this year. Red Ribbon week was a great success. Student Council started selling hot cocoa again for the winter. Every week on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday Student Council will be selling hot chocolate when buses arrive at school. Plus, the Student Council will be starting other fundraisers to raise more money for school activities.



Also, DeSmet School would like to thank Exxon Mobil Corporation for donating \$500 to the school for being part of the Educational Alliance Math & Science School Grant Program. This program supports schools across the country in advancing their math and science curriculums.



## Survey

This month's survey was on the student's favorite type of music. The choices were rock, hip hop, jazz, R & B, alternative, country, pop, ballet, classical, and inspirational. Pop was the popular choice. Hip hop was second, and rock was third.



## Class News



### Kindergarten

Kindergarten had a wonderful Halloween party this year. Kindergarten is learning how to count and write numbers 1 through 10. Also they just learned about cells in science. The Kindergarten class is now learning how to decode and read words in reading. Sadly they don't have any field trips until the end of the year.



### First Grade

First grade has taken their first spelling test! Good job first grade! As of now, they are trying to learn to read. First grade has been successful in the Go Math books. In November, they will do a social studies unit on where they are in the world and continue learning about contributions Native Americans have made.



### Second Grade

The second graders are learning about sea horses in science. In math, they are doing addition and subtraction. In reading they are reading The Little's Go to School. Their favorite subject is math. When they have free time, they love to do math centers. They had a great Halloween party.



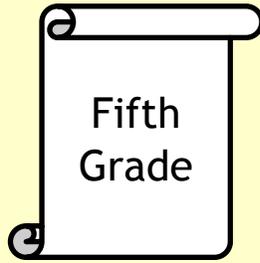
### Third Grade

The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade has class pets; they have 3 fish and a pet hamster. They always learn something new every day. They are learning multiplication and learning how to explain answers in math. As a class, they vote on something fun to do, but it is still a surprise for them all. After school, Ms. Gardener likes to watch her daughter play volleyball and she plans for the next school day.



### Fourth Grade

The fourth grade had a lot of fun during the past month. They had a great Halloween party and coming up, they are doing fun multiplication in math and fun experiments in science. Mrs. Briggeman's favorite subjects in fourth grade were science, math, and social studies. The field trip to Kelly Island was beautiful. It was a gorgeous day and she said that it was the best day ever to see lots of birds. Mr. Hettick brought antlers and skulls of an elk, white tail, mule deer, mountain goat and a prong horned antelope to help out with the students' science studies.



Mr. Feely says that this year's class was different from last year's class in a couple of ways. There are more students in this year's class (there are an equal amount of boys and girls) and last year's class was quieter, but that's not *always* a bad thing. He likes this year's class. They also just got a whole bunch on new I-pads, which they definitely use a lot more than last year.

Although he enjoys the I-pads, he would also like to go outside a little more. He would like to go outside more because he says that it is important that the student aren't locked up inside all the time and it's good for the kids to be able to go outside and have fun. He said that sometimes he wishes to go back to 5<sup>th</sup> grade himself. He even said, "It was a fun age and you could hang out with your buddies and be able to play on the playground at recess without pulling a hamstring." Mr. Feely said if he was in 5<sup>th</sup> grade, he would enjoy having himself as a teacher because he likes to have fun and kid around and it's good for a teacher to have a sense of humor. If he was in his own class, he would probably be friends with everyone because he can get along with anybody. When he was in 5<sup>th</sup> grade he liked math, so now it's his favorite subject to teach. Fifth grade was actually his favorite grade in elementary because they were the "big dogs" or the oldest kids in elementary at the time.



This month in social studies, Mr. Kuchel is done with the geography unit and moving on to early human civilization. The 6<sup>th</sup> graders are going to be learning about different types of humans, different ancient civilizations, and human history.

This month in language arts, the 6<sup>th</sup> graders are going to be doing a lot of tough grammar, writing poems and stories.

This month in math, Ms. Ray's 6<sup>th</sup> graders are going to be doing, rational numbers, absolute value, fractions, and decimals and they are also going to be taking a unit 1 test.

This month in science, the 6<sup>th</sup> graders are going to be doing is taking a chapter 3 test, they will be studying rocks, after that study plate tectonics, then after those test for both.

This month in reading, the 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be finishing Summer of the Monkey's book. After reading the book, they will be watching the movie. After watching the movie, they are going to start a new book.

In science 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade are learning about cells and photosynthesis. In reading 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade are reading a book called Discordia. They do summaries on the chapters they read. In language arts 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade are writing amazing dragon stories and doing work book pages. In social studies they are learning about the medieval ages. 7<sup>th</sup> grade is learning how to do multiple step positive and negative problems. 8<sup>th</sup> grade math students are learning how to do positive and negative ratios, and integers. In the special education room for 8 grade math they are learning how to do multiply and divide long problems.

## Resource room

This month we interviewed a Para professional named Ms. Pfendler. She is helping out with the older students that go to the resource room. She has 5 students that she helps during various times. They do activities 3 times a week. The resource room has a max of 9 people in a day with one to two teachers that are helping the kids at once. The reason why she wanted the job is because she likes math a lot.

## Title I

This year, Mrs. Ginn and Ms. Maloney have had many challenges but hat the same time, have had many good experiences. Mrs. Ginn and Ms. Maloney work with the young students in a different resource room.

Mrs. Ginn likes to see the growth in kids from the first assessment to the second assessment and that she gets a new partner this year, Ms. Maloney. She also said that she loves to hear kids say that they understand what they're learning about. She said that she liked the Native American presentation with Buck and Rose. She thinks it was neat that every kid got to do their own thing and that the teepee being setup was very cool. When Mrs. Ginn was a child, she loved to go horseback riding and liked to play sports. Her favorite sport was basketball. She has five brothers and one sister that she could play with too. If she could go to any foreign country she would want to go to Switzerland because of all the beauty and culture. She would also like the calmness and the peace in that country. Over the summer, Mrs. Ginn spent a lot of time with family from Oregon. She also spent time at Seeley Lake and hiked to Morrell Falls.

Ms. Maloney liked meeting all the teachers and students that have come by the classroom. She also likes to see the growth in students. When she was a kid she spent time swimming in the oceans of Florida. She also liked running in the woods with her little brother and building forts. Over the summer, Ms. Maloney spent time backpacking in the woods with teenagers and went to Frank's Church Wilderness in Idaho. She also did more hiking and swimming with other people. Some of her challenges this year have been learning all the new programs and also finding the students' needs in order to make them become better learners. If Ms. Maloney could go to any foreign country it would either be Chile or Mexico. She said it would be fun to try out her Spanish and to go to the exotic rainforests. She also likes to salsa dance and said that that would be fun to do in those countries. She would love to see the beauty in Chile and visit other cool places.

## Music

Ms. Pfendler says the younger kids are doing great and are really enjoying getting ready for the winter concert. She says 6<sup>th</sup> grade is doing band, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> are doing choir and dancing (line dancing and group dancing). K -2<sup>nd</sup> are dancing to I'M A GUMMY BEAR for the concert. She thinks everyone is enjoying band/choir. She says she is really excited for the winter concert and it will be AWESOME! She says every class has a different chemistry but over all they all are pretty darn GOOD

## Art

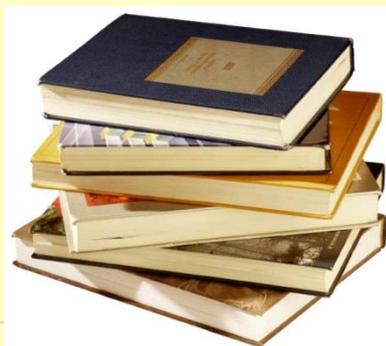
We just finished the day of the dead projects. Mr. Chambers said that all of the kids are progressing in a positive direction. He said that 99.9% of the time the kids are cooperative. He told me that in class, most kids are good but some present challenges. Mr. Chambers says that he believes everyone can be an artist because everyone has a need to express themselves. About 85% of the kids come prepared for class while the others come ill-prepared for his class. He says it's pretty simple, "all you have to do is bring a pencil." As for behavior, everyone is behaving for the most part because art is fun. Mr. Chambers also said that he is likening all of his classes and that each class has its own unique challenges and that's interesting to see.

## P.E.

Ms. Knutson is the physical education teacher and her favorite day is Friday. She wanted to be a physical education teacher because she likes to work with kids, and likes to introduce kids to new games. She also wants kids to stay healthy and active. She has been working at this school for 2.5 years. Ms. Sarah doesn't have any kids at all. She is only 25 years old, so that might explain why she doesn't have kids. Her favorite game is basketball and by game we mean activity. The longest class that she has is the 6th and the 7th grade class.

## Library

Ms. Keyes has taught Spanish for 2 years. One of her favorite little kid books is Are You My Mother? Ms. Keyes favorite series book for 1-3 graders is the Magic Tree House. For 4-6 grades, it is Heroes of Olympus, and her young adult book is Ruby Red. Ms. Keyes has been a librarian for 3 years. Her favorite animal is a dog and she has a pet. Her favorite holiday is Thanks giving. Why did Ms. Keyes want to be a librarian? It's because being a reader empowers students and finding good books is the key to enjoyable reading. Ms. Keyes has a lot of favorite books; one of her favorite kid books is The Invention of Hugo Cabaret.



## Students of the Month



Maloree Salmonsens

The Student of the Month in Kindergarten is **Maloree Salmonsens**. When she gets home from school, she likes to play fun games. Her favorite snack is blueberries, and her favorite book is Cinderella. When she grows up, she wants to be a paramedic, and if she could travel to any place in the world, she would go to school.



Krista

The Student of the Month in 1<sup>st</sup> grade is **Krista**. When she gets home from school, she likes to play. Her favorite snack is apples, and her favorite book is Macaroni. She doesn't know what she wants to be when she grows up, and if she could travel any place in the world, she doesn't know where she would go.



Treighton Lambertson

The Student of the Month in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade is **Treighton Lambertson**. When he gets home from school, he likes to play with his brother. His favorite snack is his Cheese-its, and his favorite book is Notebook of Do. When he grows up, he wants to be a scientist, and if he could travel any place in the world, he would go to Lego Land.

The Student of the Month in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade is **Lillie**. When she gets home from school, she likes to listen to music. Her favorite snack is chips, and her favorite book is The Never Girls. When she grows up, she wants to be a vet, and if she could travel any place in the world, she would go to Disneyland.



Lily

The Student of the Month in 4<sup>th</sup> grade is **McKenna Storment**. When she gets home from school, she likes to read. Her favorite snack is cookies, and her favorite book is Zorgamazoo. When she grows up, she wants to be a teacher, and if she could travel any place in the world, she would go to France.



McKenna Storment

The Student of the Month in 5<sup>th</sup> grade is **Marygold Honk**. When she gets home from school, she likes to hang out with her family. Her favorite snack is ice cream, and her favorite book is The Giver. When she grows up, she wants to be a doctor, and if she could travel any place in the world, she would go to Paris.



Marygold Honk



Adreana Howell-Craig

## Middle School

### Adreana S. Howell-Craig

Adreana has been at this school for 8 years but she left from two years and came back. Her favorite color is blue. If she could have a super power, it would be controlling metal. When she grows up she wants to be a professional wrestler. Her favorite food is pizza.

### Ila Makela

Ila has been going to DeSmet for 6 years. Her favorite color is neon blue. If she could have any super power, she would read minds. When she grows up, she is going to be an actress. Her favorite snack is Double Stuffed Oreos.

### Maile Mannel

Maile just started to go to DeSmet. Her favorite color is, blue and if she could have any super power it would be never to die. When she grows up she wants to be a marine biologist and her favorite food is pizza.



Maile Mannel





## Teacher of the Month

Ila Makela

Ms. Sarah been chosen to be teacher of the month so here is a little bit about her... Sarah Knutson teaches P.E. classes along with health and is a Para educator. She works with all grades and kids who need that little extra help. She likes that DeSmet is a small school and that all the students know each other because of the small community. She also likes all of the students and their unique personalities.

They all try to put forth as much effort as possible and she likes all the energy they have. What Ms. Sarah likes to teach in her classes is team building and health. On her free time, she loves to hike, run, and taking care of friends' animals. She also likes to ride her bike.

## Birthdays

October

Antwon Henson 9<sup>th</sup>

Jasmine Cherry 13<sup>th</sup>

Mya Boggess-Harrison 14<sup>th</sup>

McKenna Storment 15<sup>th</sup>

Vincent Temple 20<sup>th</sup>

Adeline Michels 21<sup>st</sup>

Andrew Michels 21<sup>st</sup>

Ellie Michels 21<sup>st</sup>

Zander Satchell 23<sup>rd</sup>

Zachary Sandau 25<sup>th</sup>

Neveah Perew 31<sup>st</sup>



November

Maddison Crandall 2<sup>nd</sup>

Krista Bernovitch 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>

Sakima Staber 30<sup>th</sup>

Victoria Charles 30<sup>th</sup>



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CAT	COW
ZEBRA	CHICKEN
PIG	TROUT
KOALA	NARWHAL
GOAT	SEAHORSE
SHEEP	DOLPHIN
PARROT	WHALE
LION	GOLDFISH
BEAR	UNICORN
HORSE	
PEACOCK	
GIRAFFE	
KANGAROO	
REINDEER	

## Calendar Events

7<sup>th</sup> Padre Life

13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> no school: parent-teacher conferences

21<sup>st</sup> Padre Life 4<sup>th</sup> grade and 5<sup>th</sup> grade

24<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving break

## Jokes

Q: What did the ground say to the earthquake?

A: You crack me up!

Q: Why did the music teacher need a ladder?

A: To reach the high notes.

Q: What's the worst thing you're likely to find in the school cafeteria?

A: The Food!



## Poetry Corner

Sparkling crystals

In the light  
Through the shadows  
Of the night

What is more amazing  
Then to see the  
Crystals blazing

To stop and gaze  
While walking through  
The crystal maze.

