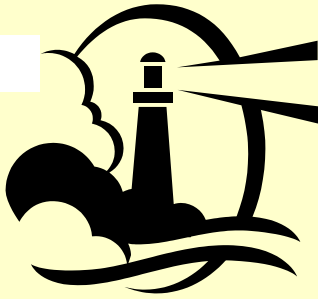


# PADRE BEACON

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This month of Padre Beacon is full of fun activities, health hints, and class news. We hope you enjoy.

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## Upcoming Events

- ✓ No School 10/17-18
- ✓ End of quarter 11/1

## Mrs. Vicki

**Mrs. Vicki is the first person you see when you enter DeSmet. She is the smiling face that everyone sees when you walk in the front door. She is an amazing secretary that loves the atmosphere at the school. This is Mrs. Vicki's fourth year working here. The best part of her job is to see all of the students in the morning and at the end of the day. Mrs. Vicki has two kids of her own. Her best friend is her husband.**

**When Mrs. Vicki was a kid, she didn't have a favorite subject in school but she has always liked sports. Mrs. Vicki's favorite football team is the Vikings. She has her fingers crossed that they will be improving throughout the year. Her favorite food is pizza.**

## Principal's Corner

What an exciting new year we have ahead of us at DeSmet School! This year will bring new events to the school. We are looking forward to seeing how the students will grow academically, emotionally, and socially.

The middle school book club started on September 23<sup>rd</sup> for all students from 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade book club started October 8<sup>th</sup>. The first book selected by the middle school was The Raft, by S.A. Bodeen. If you are interested in joining the book club, feel free to come join us for donuts and chocolate milk from 8:05 to 8:25 on Tuesdays for the middle school and Wednesday for elementary.

Our new math series, Go Math, is a new addition to the school. Our reading series, Reading Street, was also updated for students this year.

This year, we are fortunate enough to have a second iPad cart for our students. I hope that you have a fabulous year!

Mrs. Andres



## HELPFUL HEALTHY HINTS



Dear families of DeSmet,

September, 2014

Welcome back to school! Hip-hip-hooray for the 2014-2015 school year! This month's issue of Helpful Healthy Hints is to remind everyone of a few handy tips on keeping (and staying healthy).

Germ spread quickly and easily in schools. With more than one hundred bodies circulating through our small building it is extremely important to be preventative about your health. So, what does "preventative" mean? Eating well-balanced meals, getting lots of sleep (at least 8 hours/night), drinking at least 8 cups of water every day, washing your hands often, and not sharing food/beverages/chap stick/or combs are just a few ways to keep your immune system healthy. Here's to being mindful about staying healthy!!

Be well and healthy,

Ms. Jules, Health Aide

## What's New?

Guess what? You might not know it, but our lunches are free. We have also gotten some awesome new teachers: Mr. Kuchel, Ms. Pfendler, Mrs. Valdenson, Mrs. Holden, and also an amazing new janitor, Mr. Gottwig. A big change for the school this year is the absence of sports. This change is simply due to lack of funding. But don't worry, this year will still be just as great as every other school year.



## Survey

This month's survey was to determine what students felt was their favorite animal out of the following: bear, tiger, eagle, dog, and lion. The tiger came in first with the most votes. The dog came in second and the eagle came in third.



## Class News

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### Kindergarten

The kindergarten is learning how to count from 0 to 5, and they are learning the alphabet. Ms. Jackson likes to read and go hiking with her dogs on her free time. Ms. Jackson loves to teach kindergarten. Ms. Jackson has been teaching for 4 years, and she taught 3 years of kindergarten. Over the summer Ms. Jackson went to glacier and Yellowstone national park. She also went to Farmer's market. She made her first garden too.

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### First Grade

I asked Mrs. Pettit how is your class this year she said they are very nice and smart but they tend to forget their jobs. I also asked if she had any fun activities coming up and she said that they are going to be learning more about Native Americans. They have a field trip coming up and they will be going on a leaf collecting walk. I asked Mrs. Pettit what her favorite book, her favorite movie, and favorite subject in school and her answer was Charlie Anderson, Pretty Woman, and science.

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### Second Grade

Mrs. Ebbs kayaks and camps on her free time. They are exploring the desert for science. And for geography they are studying maps. They are reading a book called Deserts. They are also learning to count to 1000 in math.



### Third Grade

Over the summer, Mrs. Gardener raised 11 baby calves, cut hay, and worked in her garden. She likes teaching at DeSmet because she can get to know her students. In the third grade class this year they will be reading fables and short stories. Also, in science, they are starting to do experiments.



### Fourth Grade

Mrs. B said she has had a very exciting year this year. She loves her new class and says they are wonderful. They have had some challenges with the new math program but they are starting to get the hang of it. She and her class enjoyed the Native American presentation with Buck and Rose. On September 26<sup>th</sup>, they went on a field trip to Kelly Island for a naturalist trip. Mrs. B said it was a great learning experience and lots of fun!



### Fifth Grade

In math, Mr. Feeley's 5<sup>th</sup> grade is learning about place value and powers of ten. In language arts they are writing tall tales. He also said the class is using a new reading curriculum which has been a positive change for his 5th graders. They are also reading about the challenges people face.

In science they are learning about science inquiry and what type of tools they can use to explore various scientific ideas. In social studies, his class is learning about different regions.

This summer Mr. Feeley coached baseball and before school started he went to the Mall of America in Minnesota. There he met SpongeBob!



### Middle School

Middle school has been working on projects about different countries around the world that will be presented to their class in social studies. In language arts, they are writing stories and storytelling. They have also been doing "free writing" in an effort to get their thoughts onto paper. In 8<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade science are finishing up a bread molding project in which they grew mold on bread. EWWW!! In 6<sup>th</sup> grade social studies, they are working on creating images and maps. For math, they're working on absolute values and for social studies they're working on their spirit animals. For 8<sup>th</sup> graders it's been a tough challenge, because there working on Algebra in advanced math.

## Resource room

Mrs. Valdesen is new to DeSmet School this year. She has been teaching for 24 years total, 12 in collage & 12 in high school & elementary. She is helping many different kids from different classes. She is helping in math & reading from Grades K-8. She is only doing this in the morning. This summer she went to Boulder & Lolo Hot Springs, which is one of her favorite thing to do. She usually goes to hot springs twice a month all year round.

## Music

Ms. Pfendler says that she likes DeSmet School so far and that over all; the kids here are pretty good. In 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade choir, they are singing a little bit of everything. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade band are playing two songs: We Will Rock You and Joy to the World. The elementary kids are also playing instruments like the recorder.

## Art

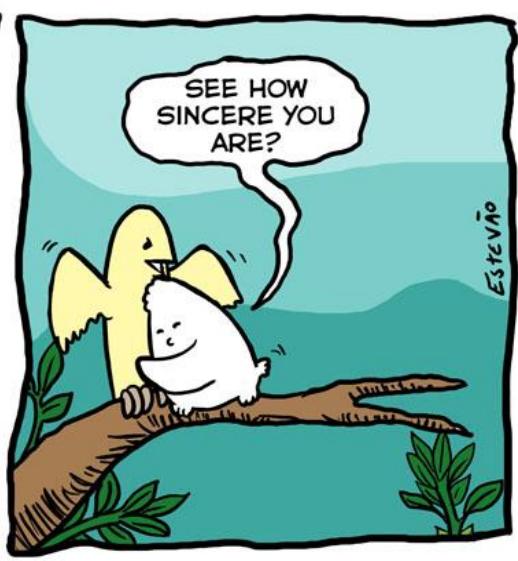
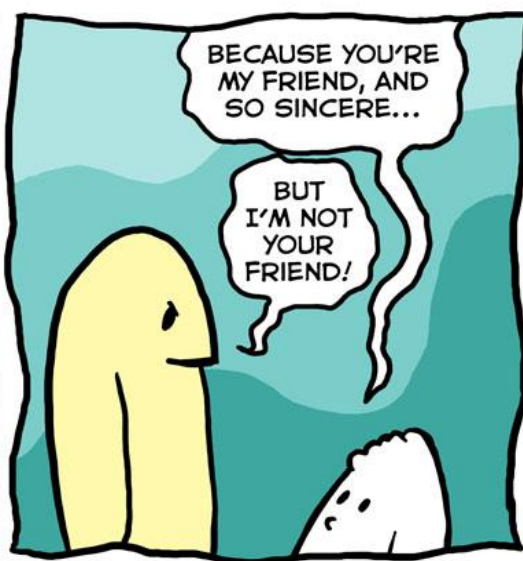
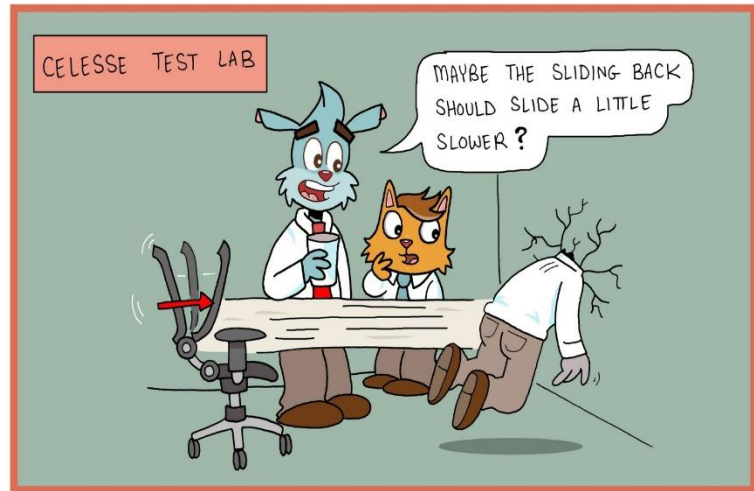
Mr. Chambers says all of the kids are doing "Day of the Dead" clay marionettes skeletons and the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> are doing object sculptures with bike parts. Everyone is behaving well because everyone's getting older and improving their artistic talents. Mr. Chambers's favorite projects from last year are the crazy robots, Salvador Dali mustaches, and all clay projects. Mr. Chambers thinks that kids enjoy art because it gives them a chance to express their feelings and their self.

## P.E.

Ms. Knutson is the P.E teacher at DeSmet. This is her first year as the P.E. teacher. Mrs. Knutson is energetic and enthusiastic about P.E. She has 18 classes in one week. Outside of school she likes to run and visit the animal shelter. She is thinking about getting a new dog and giving it a new home. She loves to ride her bike as well as run. Mrs. Knutson likes to be with kids.

## Library

Ms. Keyes is our library teacher; her favorite book is The Help. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> are doing greetings, colors, numbers and alphabet for Spanish. The longest book she ever read is Tales of Monogatari, a Japanese book translated into English and written in the 900's. In library, a lot of students increasing the number of books they are reading which definitely pleases Mrs. Keyes. Mrs. Keyes has been married 15 years and has 2 boys between the ages of 11 and 13. She has traveled to 48 states and would like to travel to South America someday.





## Students of the Months Elementary

The Student of the Month in Kindergarten is Alexa. Her favorite movie is “Frozen” and her favorite color is pink. Her favorite animal is a zebra and her favorite food is strawberries. Her favorite sport is basketball.



Lydia Hale

The student of the Month for 1<sup>st</sup> grade is Lydia Hale. Her favorite movie is “Frozen” and her favorite color is purple. Her favorite animal is a dog and her favorite food is a plum. Her favorite game at recess is “tag.”



James Charboneau

The Student of the Month in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade is Josie Rhodes. Her favorite movie is also “Frozen” and her favorite color is blue. Her favorite animal is a lion and her favorite food is pizza. Her favorite sport is gymnastics.



Josie Rhodes

The Student of the Month in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade is James Charboneau. His favorite movie is “The Run Down” and his favorite color is gold. His favorite animal is a bear and his favorite food is pizza. His favorite sport is football.



Isabell Valdez

The Student of the Month in 4<sup>th</sup> grade is Kyle Jensen. His favorite movie is “Wolverine” and his favorite color is blue. His favorite animal is a cheetah and his favorite food is pizza. His favorite sport is also football.



Kyle Jensen

The Student of the Month in 5<sup>th</sup> grade is Isabella Valdez. Her favorite movie is “Despicable Me” and her favorite color is also blue. Her favorite animal is a sea lion and her favorite food is pizza. Her favorite sport is softball.

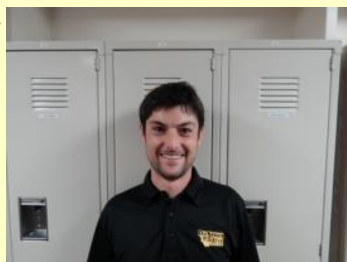
## Middle School

Antwon likes the teachers; his favorite subject is band, art, and math. He likes to read, draw, learn new instruments, and swim. He loves his family. His favorite sports are swimming, basketball, football, Track, and soccer. His favorite color is royal blue, his favorite drink is root beer floats, and his favorite meal is chicken wings with a side of onion rings. Antwon’s favorite movie is the “Hunger Games”, his favorite book is “Discordia”, and his favorite song is “Anaconda”.



## Teacher of the Month

Mr. Kuchel is the teacher of the month. He likes to fly-fish, go to Griz games, and relax after a long day of teaching. His favorite sport is football. His favorite college football team is the Montana Grizzlies and his favorite NFL team is the Seattle Seahawks. His favorite grade to teach is 6<sup>th</sup> because it is a small class. He said he loves to teach. He student taught at Chief Charlo for 5<sup>th</sup> grade. His favorite color is deep purple like almost a black. Mr. Kuchel’s favorite subject to teach is Social Studies and his favorite food is Mac N’ Cheese.



## Birthdays

### September

3<sup>rd</sup> Aeden McCray

7<sup>th</sup> Aiden Hettick

7<sup>th</sup> Tegan Bergeson Hauerwas

14<sup>th</sup> Chayla Charboneau

15<sup>th</sup> Kayden Mikolas

22<sup>nd</sup> Denten Wulff

25<sup>th</sup> Ashten Slate Buhler

26<sup>th</sup> Cole Voodies

27<sup>th</sup> James Charboeau

28<sup>th</sup> Adreana Howell-Craig

29<sup>th</sup> Cole Rhodes

### October

9<sup>th</sup> Antwon Henson

9<sup>th</sup> Trevor Morrissey

13<sup>th</sup> Jasmine Cherry

14<sup>th</sup> Mya Boggess

15<sup>th</sup> McKenna Storment

20<sup>th</sup> Vincent Temple

21<sup>st</sup> Adeline Michels

21<sup>st</sup> Andrew Michels

21<sup>st</sup> Ellie Michels

23<sup>rd</sup> Zander Satchel

25<sup>th</sup> Zachary Sandau

31<sup>st</sup> Neveah Henson



## Sports

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 BASEBALL                FOOTBALL  
 VOLLEYBALL              SWIMMING  
 HOCKEY                    RUNNING  
 TENNIS                     GOLF

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### ANIMALS Crossword

Directions: Use the pictures below to fill in the words across and down in the puzzle.

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## Calendar Events:

- **Picture day was September 11<sup>th</sup>**
- **Padre life for 6-8<sup>th</sup> grades was on September 12<sup>th</sup>**
- **Padre life for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades, theirs is on September 26<sup>th</sup>**
- **Bingo night October 3<sup>rd</sup>**
- **No school October 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> due to MEA'S**
- **HALLOWEEN October 31<sup>st</sup>**

## Joke of the Month:

Q.WHAT DID ONE TOILET SAY TO ANOTHER TOILET  
A.YOU LOOK FLUSHED



## **Cynthia Willenbrock and Marshall the miracle dog.**

**On October 2<sup>nd</sup> Cynthia Willenbrock came to DeSmet to talk to the K-8<sup>th</sup> grade about her dog's, Marshal, story, she told them about how Marshal went through some tough times in his life but still pulled through, she talked to use about how Marshal lost his front left leg and a scar on the side of his face. Then Cynthia read us the story that she had wrote. If you ever she Cynthia give her a big thanks and say hi to Marshall.**

