



D. C. EVEREST MIDDLE SCHOOL
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D. C. EVEREST MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER **2011-2012**

Parent-Teacher Conferences: Nov. 22,
1:40-5:40 pm. (dismissal at 1:10)
Parent-Teacher Conferences: Nov. 23,
8:00—11:30 a.m. No School

November 2011

Middle School Families,

Your middle schooler(s) are nearly one-quarter of the way through the 2011-2012 school year! Thank you for all that you've already done to make sure that the start of this school year helps your student(s) establish helpful habits and a positive foothold in the rhythm of learning. As adults, our habits also help support the success of our young learners. Having such terrific and supportive families, I know that highlighting a few essential "adult habits" should be cause for you to give yourself a pat on the back! Consider:

Great communication: It's Parent-Teacher Conference season, but don't let that be the only time we connect! Study buddy checking, use of Edline/e-mail, our daily announcements on the phone and an "old school" face-to-face visit are all great ways to get a sense for what's happening.

Questions, questions, questions: It's still critically important to ask your student(s) about their day, their friends, their learning, and their potentially new and changing interests.

Encouragement: Both in taking academic risks and in trying something new beyond the school day. An emphasis on learning something new that may be challenging is more important than "success" with something easy.

Involvement: Although it might look different than at the elementary level, there are still ways to be involved. If you didn't previously express an interest, but would like to be contacted about opportunities to be involved please feel free to contact us.

2011-2012 marks our 10th year! We are very proud of the traditions our community has supported us in developing. We look forward to continuing to grow as we look to fulfill our role in preparing students for success in a future we can only imagine. Thank YOU for the role you play in helping us make this a reality for your son(s) and daughter(s). Stay tuned for more information on ways to help us celebrate our 10th year!

Yours in learning,

Casey J. Nye

Principal



Celebrating our 10th Anniversary at D. C. Everest Middle School

Adventure Calls

Twenty- two sixth and seventh graders, along with six staff members, set sail on October 10th for an amazing adventure down the Eau Claire River. We left Camp Sturtevant and docked at the Schofield Dam. This was the first in a series of four “adventures” we are planning this school year. We were blessed with amazing weather for a leisurely canoe expedition. We were able to enjoy the birds, frogs, turtles and the company of new friends.

Just because you missed the first adventure does not mean you can't join us next time. Listen to announcements in early winter for our next event. All events will have limited space, and students will be selected on a first come basis according to the first students who turn in their permission slips.

Special thanks to Dr. Nye, Mr. Feathers, Mr. Wolfe, and Ms. Wegge for making this trip possible, we are grateful for your support!

Students participating: Cole Abt, Madeline Check, Jacie Cieslek, Max Cummings, Eric Gerrits, Christopher Geurink, Jaimee Gross, Sharie Grubbs, Jessica Hagen, Jimi Henslee, Jasper Ingalls, Spencer Kluck, Zachary Mueller, Cassidy Mullan, Andrew Neumann, Chloe Nylund, Miranada Ostrowski, Jordan Sazama, Kastin Schaetzi, Amyah Theiss, Kaila Trzebiatowski, Mikayla Tucker.

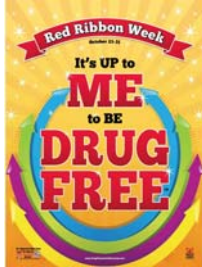




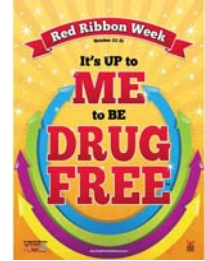
Volunteers Need Your Help



The Volunteer students are involved in several recycling programs including **ink cartridges, cell phones, and aluminum cans**; we also are collecting **Box Tops for Education**. Funds raised from these projects are used to help various organizations in the community such as the Toys for Tots Program, the Women's Shelter, the Humane Society, and the Boys and Girls Club. We appreciate your support with our recycling efforts.



Red Ribbon Week October 17-21



**Sponsored by:
Student Council and the Volunteers**

Our students celebrated Red Ribbon Week October 17-21. The Volunteers will help to educate our students about the dangers of drugs and alcohol by hosting a variety of activities throughout the week.



**Thank you to our Student Council
for providing funding for "Red Ribbon Week."**



Monday:

- **Wristbands handed out to all students**
- **PJ's/Crazy sock/slipper day (wear pajama pants, slippers or crazy socks)**
"Sock it to Drugs!"

Tuesday:

- **Rock Star Day – dress like a "Rock Star, favorite singer, or wear your favorite band's t-shirt.**

"Our School Rocks Drug Free"

Wednesday:

- **Crazy Hair Day – "Do Your Hair, Not Drugs!"**

Thursday:

- **Beach Day – wear beach/tropical print clothes, (No bathing suits please!)**
"Too Cool to Do Drugs!"

Friday:

- **Spirit Day – wear your DCE Clothing or favorite sports team jersey.**
"DCE is Proud to Be Drug Free!"

****School dress code applies to all days.**

Popcorn Sale—Popcorn was sold Monday—Thursday after school for \$.50 per bag. Money raised from our sales will benefit the Drug Endangered Children of Marathon County.

"PAWS-itively Drug Free!"

Bring in a food donation or \$.50 to be donated to the Humane Society. You will receive a bookmark.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Mrs. Skadahl and Mrs. Sivertson

Battle of the Books is in full swing at D. C. Everest Middle School. The statewide Battle of the Books program is designed to promote a love of reading among our students. It encourages students to read a variety of books and remember information about the plots, characters, and settings of the books. Every question asked in a battle is answered by the title and author of the book and takes the form of: "In what book do a brother and sister team try to save their father from a secret order that has existed since the time of the pharaohs?" The teams write *Red Pyramid* by Rick Riordan to earn points. The team with the most points after four battle dates will represent our school in the State Battle of the Books online competition in February. Pictured are members of the eight Battle teams this year.



Student Accident Insurance for \$37 per Year

Families have the ability to purchase a student accident insurance policy for as little as \$37 per year. This insurance would cover up to 80% of reasonable and customary charges up to a maximum benefit of \$25,000. The D. C. Everest Area School District does not provide any type of health or accident insurance for injuries that take place on school property or school functions. You can find out more about the plan by going onto the district website and clicking on Students and Families link. You can also download a brochure and enroll for this insurance at the following web link:

<http://www.1stagency.com/voluntaryaccidentcoverage.htm>

When you access the website, select the state, type a D next to school district and you will see D. C. Everest.

Opportunities for Students Receiving Free/Reduced Price Meals

There may be opportunities for your child to take advantage of programs, other than free or reduced meals, for free or at a reduced rate. These programs may include scholarship opportunities, athletic fees, AP Testing, etc.

The D. C. Everest Area Food Service cannot release your free and reduced meal information without your permission. If you would like to provide your free/reduced price meal determination information to the principal of your child's school, you may submit a Request for Fee Waiver, which is available at your school.

PROGRESS REPORTS—EDLINE



In past years, this was the time you would have received a copy of a progress report through the mail listing your child's current mid-quarter grades. With the great technological advances of the past several years, we are now able to communicate your child's progress on a much more regular basis through the use of the Edline program. Due to these changes, and the availability of computers in our school IMC for parent use, **PAPER COPIES OF PROGRESS REPORTS WILL NO LONGER BE MAILED HOME.**

Edline allows you to view your student's current progress in each of his or her classes. Many parents utilize their child's Edline account, however, parent accounts include different information than what is available to students. Parent accounts are an extremely valuable tool as they not only provide information regarding your son or daughter's academic progress, but also announcements and updates concerning events at the Middle School.

If you have not activated your parent Edline account, please activate your account as soon as possible to take advantage of the wealth of information available to assist you and your child in having a successful year.

We firmly believe that education is a team effort and you, the parents/guardians, are a key player in your child's success! Please know that we make every effort to have consistent communication with parents, and Edline offers yet another way to build strong connections between home and school. If needed, additional assistance with Edline is available through the Guidance Office. Contact Carol Wudi, ext. 2316. We welcome your feedback, questions, and concerns at any time.

Helping Your Child Have a Great Start to the New School Year!

Homework Tips for Parents: From the U.S Department of Education

- 1 Make sure your child has a quiet, well-lit place to do homework.
- 2 Make sure the materials your child needs, such as paper, pencils and a dictionary are available.
- 3 Help your child with time management. Establish a set time each day for doing homework. Don't let your child leave homework until just before bedtime.
- 4 Be positive about homework. Tell your child how important school is.
- 5 When your child does homework, you do homework. Show your child that the skill they are learning are related to things you do as an adult such as balancing a checkbook.
- 6 When your child asks for help, provide guidance, not answers. Giving answers means your child will not learn the material.
- 7 If Homework is meant to be done by your child alone, stay away. Too much parent involvement can prevent homework from having some positive effects. Homework is a great way for kids to develop independent, lifelong learning skills.
- 8 Stay informed. Talk with your child's teacher. Make sure you know the purpose of homework and what your child's class rules are.
- 9 Help your child figure out what is hard homework and what is easy homework. Have your child do the hard work first. This will mean they will be most alert when facing the biggest challenges. Easy material will seem to go fast when fatigue begins to set in.



**A great resource to check your child's student planner or AU sheet or Edline for homework assignments.

Student Council

The D.C. Everest Middle School Student Council is already involved in many activities in our school. Our executive board members, Lauren Rohr (President), Madison Stolze (Vice President), Gunnar Yonker (Treasurer), and KaLang Lor (Secretary) have already been busy organizing many events. We discussed many of the great opportunities available to council members, along with all the activities student council does for our school. Parents, please note that any student may join student council by picking up and turning in a membership form from the main office. Meetings are every first and third Monday of the month from 2:30 to 3:30 in B139, Mrs. Salzman's room.

We have just completed our annual magazine sale. With the profits from this sale, we are able to financially support many of the club and after school activities available to all students. Not to mention, provide water and snacks during testing, help pay for bussing for the end-of-the-year field trips and much, much more. We truly thank all of our families that participated in our fund-raiser. Our sale was a huge success!

Our first school dance was after school on Thursday, October 20, 2011, from 2:45-4:45. We had a Halloween costume contest. Students purchased a wristband for \$3 the days prior to the dance, and for \$5 at the door. Concessions, glo-sticks, hats, and goofy sunglasses were available to purchase.



WORLD LANGUAGE CLUB

If you would like to learn more about the French, German and Spanish cultures come and join World Language Club. Come celebrate their holidays, play some of their games and enjoy some their delicious ethnic foods.

We'll decide on the activities we'll do, for sure, but here are some ideas to get you started:

- Songs and dances
- Making bi-lingual signs
- Making calendars
- Greeting cards
- Decorate a T-shirt
- Club posters
- Emotions poster
- Movie night
- Craft making
- Cooking ethnic foods



Meeting Dates:
Every Tuesday from 2:45 - 4:00
Nov. 1st and 15th
Dec. 6th and 13th
Jan. 10th and 24th
Feb. 7th and 21st
March 6th and 20th
April 10th and 24th
May 8th and 22nd

Listen for announcements for our next meeting: Tuesday, November 1st.



Mini Chefs' Club

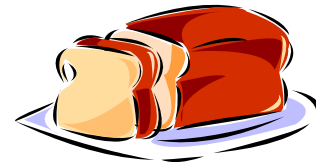
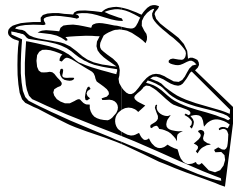
Mrs. Huddleston

Food for thought... Building Family Bonds

The Family and Consumer Education Department will be providing four ninety-minute "food centered" evening activities where students will work as a team with an adult family member to complete a detailed multidisciplinary task and strengthen intra-family bonds. While these activities will focus on food related topics, emphasis will be given to developing technical reading, applied mathematics, observation, and communication skill. During each family night activity, parent/student teams will work together to complete a series of tasks that will result in a quality take home product.

The first activity was on November 1st at 6:00 p.m. in the FACE room (E117). Students/adult family members will link sugar and natural pectin molecules found in fresh squeezed apple juice to make apple jelly. Interested students should see Mrs. Huddleston for the paper to share and get signed by their adult family member.

This will be provided by a grant through the Community Foundation.



NOTICE

Pest Management & Pesticide Use Notification

The D.C. Everest School District incorporates Integrated Pest Management (IPM) procedures as set forth by the State of Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection for the control of structural and landscape pests. The objective of IPM is to provide necessary pest control while minimizing pesticide use. Contact Jeff Belott, 359-4221, Ext. 4103, for further information.

September 1, 2011

NOTICE

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NOTIFICATION OF ASBESTOS

Since the summer of 1988, when the D.C. Everest Area School District completed a comprehensive inspection of district buildings to determine the presence of asbestos containing material, initiatives to eliminate and control the presence of asbestos have been implemented. Some amounts of asbestos containing material remain in district buildings. District personnel periodically re-inspect the buildings and prepare reports to identify the specific location and amount of asbestos and to detail response action. During the summer of 2009, NorthStar Environmental Testing conducted a three-year inspection. The district received the updated report.

An Asbestos Management Plan is on file and available for inspection in the Principal's Office of each school. The management plans for all schools are available for inspection in the office of Jeff Belott, 6500 Alderson Street, Weston, Wisconsin 54476. Phone (715) 359-4221, Ext. 4103.

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RIGHT TO REQUEST A SCHOOL & SCHOOL DISTRICT PERFORMANCE REPORT

Pursuant to section 115.38(2) of the Wisconsin State Statutes, the D.C. Everest School Board hereby notifies the parents/guardians of students enrolled in the district of their right to request a school and school district performance report. Please contact the superintendent's office at 359-4221 Ext. 1220 if you wish to receive the most recent performance report. The D.C. Everest Area School District's performance report is also available at <http://www.dce.k12.wi.us/PerformanceReport.htm>.

September 1, 2011

D.C. Everest Middle School Students attempt to break Guinness Book world record!

On Wednesday October 12, 2011, D.C. Everest Middle School students and staff joined an effort to help break the Guinness World Record for the most people doing jumping jacks during a 24 hour period. The record breaking attempt is part of First Lady Michelle Obama's "Let's Move" campaign. To break the old record, more than 20,000 people worldwide, needed to complete one minute of jumping jacks between 3:00 p.m. October 11 and 3:00 p.m. October 12.



PEER HELPERS

These sixth and seventh grade Peer Helpers spent a day of training at St. Agnes Parish Hall on Friday, October, 21, 2011. Nominated by their teachers to be peer leaders for the 2011-2012 school year, these students will act as "buddies" for selected sixth and seventh graders during lunch hours. They may also help with Mix-It Up Day, positive affirmations in the mornings, and fifth grade orientation in the spring. Thanks to them for touching the lives of others in many significant ways!!

Peer Helpers are: (6th grade) Collin Abel, Madeline Check, Kate Coenen, Kelsey Freiberg, Jacob Habeck, Seth Kuhn, Emily Marquardt, Sam Nielsen, Preston Pagel and Kira Salzman.

(7th grade) Logun Gunderson, Rachel Johnson, Ka Lang Lor, Ashley Martino, Cole Salzman, Dorene Sanchez, Brenden Spice, Jenna Utecht, Mai Bao Xiong, Toulee Yang



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MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER ENCLOSED



No School on November 23, and 24 for Thanksgiving Break.