

DELWOOD

Website: <https://www.delwood.k12.ia.us>

Important Dates

Tuesday, December 1

Remote Learning Day

Wednesday, December 2

Early Dismissal - 1:30pm
Staff Development

Wednesday, December 16

Early Dismissal - 1:30pm
Staff Development

Wed. Dec. 23 - Fri. Jan. 1

NO SCHOOL
Winter Break

Monday, January 18

NO SCHOOL
Staff Development

Wednesday, January 27

Early Dismissal - 1:30pm
Staff Development

Wednesday, February 10

Early Dismissal - 1:30pm
Staff Development

Monday, February 15

NO SCHOOL

Wednesday, February 24

Early Dismissal - 1:30pm
Staff Development

Just a reminder...

All students will remote learn on Monday, November 23rd and Tuesday, November 24th.

There is no school on November 25th, 26th or 27th.

Students will also remote learn on Monday, November 30th and Tuesday, December 1st.

There is no school December 23rd through January 1st.

Weather-Related Schedule Changes

Announcements regarding school delays and/or schedule changes are made via the following sources:

Iowa School Alerts:

Emails and/or text messages will be sent to you, if you are signed up with an Iowa School Alerts account. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/y23rf7su>. Please note that you have the option to choose email or text alerts; however, in order to receive both you must subscribe separately for each preference.

Delwood Website:

www.delwood.k12.ia.us

Radio Stations:

KMAQ-1320 AM & 95.1 FM

TV Stations:

KWQC - Channel 6
WQAD - Channel 8
KLJB - Channel 18

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Equity Statement

It is the policy of the Delwood Community School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, creed, marital status (for programs), national origin, religion, socioeconomic status (for programs), age (for employment), disability, gender identity or sexual orientation in its educational programs and employment practices. If you believe you have (or your child has) been discriminated against or treated unjustly at school, there is a grievance procedure for processing complaints of discrimination. Please contact the District's Equity Coordinator, Superintendent Todd Hawley, 311 Delmar Ave., Delmar, IA 52037, 563-674-4164.



The Viking Voice

December

Mr. Marshall

DELWOOD MISSION STATEMENT

Striving to meet the individual needs of children in a family atmosphere, promoting positive and creative learning.

To the Delwood Community,

We will be remote learning on November 23, 24, 30, and December 1. If you need any help during these days please email your child's teacher or call the office.

The school will be providing lunches for students during the remote learning days. We will be handing out on both Mondays for Monday and Tuesday of those weeks. We will be handing meals out from 11:00am-12:00pm outside the door of the cafeteria along Delmar Ave. We are asking that you call the office by 8:30am on Monday, November 23rd and Monday, November 30th to sign up for lunch, as we are going to provide the hot lunch that is on the menu for Monday and need to know how many to prepare.

We decided to split the 3rd grade class into two different sections back in August. We have hired Ethan Cain for that position. He is graduating from the University of Dubuque in December and will be starting at Delwood right after Christmas. In the newsletter this month you will see a write up from him introducing himself. We are excited to have him join the Delwood Community.

With hiring for the 3rd grade position, I would also like to take the time to thank our long term sub for the class. Emily Highnam has been with the 3rd grade students for the first semester and has done a great job with our students. Her last day at Delwood will be December 22nd. We wish her well as she continues to make a positive impact on students' lives during her teaching career.

School will be dismissed at our regular time on Tuesday, December 22nd for Winter Break and students will return Monday, January 4th. Have a great break!

Sincerely,
Marty Marshall
mmarshall@delwood.k12.ia.us
563-674-4164

Dear Delwood Families,

My name is Mr. Cain, and I will be the new 3rd grade teacher at Delwood Elementary School. I have recently graduated from the Teacher Education program at the University of Dubuque. At the University of Dubuque, I was the captain of the wrestling team, worked as a student ambassador, and participated in a few travel abroad trips. I have lived in Iowa for 4 years.

I grew up in Polo, Illinois, which is about 65 miles from Delmar, Iowa. I have 3 brothers and no sisters. In April, I adopted my first dog named Phoenix. She is sweet, caring, and loves to run! This fall, Phoenix ran a half marathon with me! Some of my hobbies include running, woodworking, and hiking.

I am excited to begin teaching at Delwood Elementary School. I am looking forward to a very successful year. I have high expectations for all students, and I will do my best to help the students achieve academically. I look forward to meeting each of you soon!

Sincerely,

Mr. Cain



First Grade is Thankful!

In First Grade, we have been discussing all the things we are thankful for this year. After our discussion, the students wrote stories about what they were thankful for. Here are their responses:

Bradley- I'm thankful for my family, my friends, and my brother.

Tori-I am thankful for being with my family on Thanksgiving.

Skyla-I am thankful for my friends and family.

Amelie- I am thankful for my friends, family, and for school.

McCoy- I'm thankful I live on a farm because I have a lot of animals to play with.

Zachary- I am thankful for my cat, my house, and my mom and dad.

Jaden-I am thankful for my friends and family. They pick me up when I am down.

Ty-I am thankful for my mom and dad because they love me.

Mia-I am thankful for Easter because I find eggs with candy in them.

Lilian-I am thankful for eating dinner with my family. I am thankful for my family.

Owen M. - I am thankful for food. Food is healthy for a person.

Cooper- I am thankful for my family on Thanksgiving.

Carter-I am thankful for my mom. When I am hurt she gives me hugs.

Owein P. - I am thankful for my mom because she helps me with my homework.

Tanner- I am thankful for all of my family.

Preslee-I am thankful for my family. I enjoy spending time with them.

Tips for Getting Your Kids to Read Over Winter Break

Holiday breaks and chilly winter weekends offer the perfect excuse to encourage kids to snuggle under a warm blanket with a cup of hot cocoa and their favorite book. These tips are designed to help keep them turning the pages (and maybe even enjoying it!) over the break from school.

- 1. Try a reading challenge.** First, make sure that they have fun books on the shelves that they can read with relative degree of independence. Next, challenge them to read 20 minutes a day. Many children respond well to a little competitive challenge, and research has found that reading just 20 minutes a day exposes children to 1.8 million words a year and dramatically improves standardized test scores.
- 2. Hook kids with a book set.** What better time than the holidays to gift your child a complete set of books to keep them reading?
- 3. Share similar titles.** If your child has a book or book series that he or she already really enjoys, consider a "read-alike" — those are books that explore the same genre, or a similar subject or storyline.
- 4. Don't forget non-fiction!** If your child is super passionate about science, nature, history or geography, be sure to check out non-fiction titles related to their interest.
- 6. Take reading on the road.** Traveling during the winter break? Don't forget to pack a paperback for the journey or try an audiobook. Audiobooks offer a novel way to re-visit a much-loved title or to try something new.
- 7. Finally, make time to read together as a family.** Kids of all ages love it when their parents read aloud to them. Start out by choosing a book the whole family will enjoy, and then commit to making time each day to slow down, snuggle together and enjoy the closeness of reading together.

Have fun reading with your child!!

Mrs. Doll

