

DELWOOD

Website: <https://sites.google.com/a/delwood.k12.ia.us/delwood-csd/home>

Important Dates

Friday, March 1

- Delwood Trivia Night
- 6:30 – Grossman Hall

Wednesday, March 13

- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 12:30 Early Dismissal

Thursday, March 14

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- 12:30 Early Dismissal

Friday, March 15

No School

Monday, March 18

- No School-Staff Development
- School Board Meeting-5:30

Wednesday, March 27

1:30 Early Dismissal

Tuesday, April 9

Student Spring Pictures

April 19 – April 23

Spring Break

CALENDAR UPDATES

- *Thurs., May 23-full school day*
- *Friday, May 24-full school day*
- *Tues.-Thurs., 5/28-5/30-full days*
- *Friday, May 31-last day of school (Field Day and 1:30 dismissal)*



Parent-Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, March 13 - 1:00–6:00

Thursday, March 14 - 1:00–8:00

- Early Dismissal for students both days at 12:30
- After School Program **is available** both days
- Conference notices will be sent home with students. Please call Elaine at school if you have a conflict.
- NO SCHOOL on Friday, March 15 or Monday, March 18

DELWOOD PRESCHOOL

Delwood Preschool is an early childhood educational opportunity for 3-year old children, 4-year old children, and 5-year old children. We offer a half-day preschool program, with wrap-around childcare, for students needing full day accommodations.

If you are interested and have not contacted us, please call the school for more information.

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MARCH 2019

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

Twitter-@dcsvikings and @hawleyt1

March

Mr. Hawley

DELWOOD MISSION STATEMENT

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

To the Delwood Community,

Within the last month, Midland CSD has been searching for a new Superintendent with which to share services. I was approached and immediately thought about how this could benefit Delwood. One benefit would be that Delwood could hire a full time principal for the building who would be completely devoted to that leadership role. That is very important for the students, staff and community. Secondly, it would be a financial savings for the district.

The state of Iowa has a financial incentive called Operational Sharing. This allows districts to share the services of certain positions; the Superintendent position being one of them. Each district that shares a superintendent position receives the value, in state costs, of 8 students. This equates to around \$54,000 for each district.

After several interviews and conversations with Midland and the Delwood School Board, Midland offered the shared superintendent position to me last week and I accepted. The Delwood School Board approved that agreement on Tuesday, February 26. The shared position will officially begin July 1 of this year. Delwood and Midland will share the costs of salary and benefits 50/50. Half of my time will be spent in Midland and half of my time will be spent in Delwood.

I have given this much thought and professionally this is an opportunity for me to do what I have always felt called to in educational leadership; to make a positive impact on as many students, staff and families as possible. I will continue to be here, but serving in a different capacity. We will start the search process for the principal position as soon as possible and will find the best fit for Delwood Elementary. If you have any questions, please call or email me.

End of Year Calendar and Snow Days

The Delwood School Board has modified the 2018-19 school calendar. At this time, with the 11 snow days missed, the board has decided to make up 5 of those days at the end of the year. The state allows schools to count 1080 hours or 180 days for student attendance. Delwood has opted for hours. The school board believes that even though we have enough hours at the end of the year to meet the state minimum, our students have missed out on instruction and we need to fill part of that void. This means having full student days on Thursday, May 23 and May 24 and continuing through to Friday, May 31 with a 1:30 dismissal. We understand this is a very unusual winter. We also understand that we will not perfectly fit the same schedule as Maquoketa or surrounding districts. Delwood will make sure we have our middle school and high school students bused to Maquoketa on March 18 and April 23.

Please acquaint yourself with our webpage and follow us on twitter –

Webpage- <http://tinyurl.com/zs6en4m>

Twitter- @dcsvikings and @hawleyt1

Sincerely,
Todd Hawley
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Kindergarten News

by Marcia Kleinsmith

Class Meetings

Each morning we start our day with a class meeting. We work on a social skill for a week. Currently, we are working on the difference between telling or tattling. We are learning if something is an emergency or not an emergency. We listen to the story "My Mouth is a Volcano" by Julia Cook and then sorted situational cards.

Reading

We have been working on increasing our sight word skills. Each week we have three new words to practice. Students have a book they take home each night to read a short story to someone.

Writing

Students are improving his or her sentence writing. They are learning to start a sentence with a capital letter, use finger spaces between words and ending a sentence with a period. We use sentence starters to practice this skill like "I see a _____. " or "I like _____ because _____. " They are starting to use their knowledge of sounds to write words and sight words they have practiced.

Math

We made it to the 100th day of school. Each student counted 100 small objects to put into an individual water bottle. We put together 100 piece puzzles and wrote numbers to 100.

Science

Healthy teeth have been our focus. Half of the group learned the proper brushing technique and did an experiment with yeast and sugar to learn about plaque. We created a small book to review healthy dental habits. Kindergarteners also learned about worms and their habitats.

Social Studies

The other half of kindergarteners have been having learning about citizenship. Students became familiar with leaders and landmarks of our country. They created a flag and discussed national symbols.



Musical Notes – February 2019

The month of March is known as Music in Our Schools Month. It's a month-long dedication by the National Association for Music Education toward music education across the country. If you have any fascinating memories from music/band/choir that you want to share with your kids they would love to hear it!

The road so far...

1st Grade, 2nd Grade, 4th Grade, and 5th Grade

Each of these classes have worked (or still working on) listening units of symphony music.

- Our first grade class learned the story and music of Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf*.
- Second grade got packets and colored along to Saint-Seans' *Carnival of the Animals*.
- 4th Grade learned about the Russian folk tale and music from Stravinsky's *Firebird Suite*.
- Our 5th grade class is wrapping up Holst's *The Planets*, which has music based off the astrological characters of the the planets.

3rd Grade – We've been working on recorders. They know how to play *Hot Cross Buns*.

6th Grade– They have become music historians. We've talked about different periods in time and their relationships to music. So far, they have studied the Baroque (sounds like “ba-roke”) Period, Classical Period, and Romantic Period.

They also made “Baroque Jokes” and the winners took a similar approach to their jokes:
“Who was our last President? Baroque Obama!”

Band

We've been able to attend 2 Honor Bands so far this year. In January we had Gracie Frett, Katie Christiansen, and Bella Hughes attend the Marion Junior Honor Band. This month we had Dalton Kennedy and Kalyn Hackman participate in the Young Musician's Honor Band. We're all eagerly awaiting the posting of students for the Coe College Honor Band many of our students have worked really hard and deserve to attend!

April 25th – Fine Arts Night

Come take a lap around the school to observe art projects and hear our band students perform. The students will have cases out and perform “street-style” for you as you walk though the school. Any donations will go towards instrument repairs and other band-related needs!

May 9th – Delwood Spring Music Program

Musically Yours,

Mr. Knowles

6TH GRADE NEWS

Mr. Cavanagh & Miss Al-Mazroa

Miss Al-Mazroa

These last eight weeks have been wonderful with your students! I have focused on three subject while I was here. Writing, reading, and math have included large projects. I'm very sad to leave Delwood Elementary, but I'm heading to Rosendal, Norway to finish my student teaching experience.



Writing

The students recently finished writing and presenting their argumentative essays. The students chose their own topic, researched facts, and wrote an essay arguing their claim.

Math

This math unit was all about geometry. The students learned how to plot and find the area of polygons on coordinate grids, create nets of rectangular prisms, find surface area, and calculate the volume of rectangular prisms. We learned with 1 inch blocks, geoboards, and discovery games. This was a difficult unit, but your students pushed themselves to learn.

Reading

The students are finishing their literature circle books and jobs. 8 students are reading *My Side of the Mountain* and 8 students are reading *The Secret School*. The students have been participating in small group discussions about their book.

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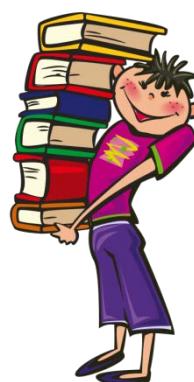
Studies show that fewer than 5 absences in a year keeps learning on track. More than 5 absences each school year increases the risk of dropping out, and decreases the chance of graduating from high school. Students who miss up to five days of school can probably make up what they have missed. However, when a child misses more than 5 days of school it begins to have an effect on the student's ability to learn.

Students missing just 2 days a month—18 days a school year are considered "chronically absent." These statistics point to the reasons why attending school every day is so important:

- Chronically absent students score 20% lower in reading and math.
- Chronically absent students are twice as likely to have to repeat a grade.
- Chronically absent students are twice as likely to have their first suspension before 7th grade.

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Safety Town

Safety Town is a program for children that teaches safety lessons about fire, pedestrians/traffic, water, guns, and poisons/drugs. A replica town is created to instruct children about safety measures.

If you would like to help the PTO plan this program, please get your contact information to Marcia Kleinsmith. We will be forming committees soon!



March Roundtable

Tech Night that was scheduled for January was cancelled due to the weather. Please join us on March 28th from 6-7 pm at the Delwood School for a discussion and to come trade resources and tips that they have learned and used in helping their children navigate the online world safely.

Delwood Table Cover

The PTO voted to purchase a personalized table cover for the Delwood staff and students. This cover is fitted to the table and can be used during assemblies!



Dry erase markers and erasers needed!

Teachers gave the PTO a list of items that tend to run low throughout the school year. If you would like to give back to the school, please consider donating dry erase markers or erasers that fit on the top of pencils. These can be taken to the main office. Thanks in advance.

Thank you to LouAnn Eberhart for your donation of Kleenex and disinfectant to the students at Delwood Elementary!

Prep, Freeze, Cook Pickup

Thank you to all who ordered from our Prep, Freeze, Cook fundraiser. All proceeds go back to the school. Meals will arrive at the school on Friday, March 1st for pick up.

Contact or Follow Us!

You can stay up to date on how the Delwood PTO is helping students and teachers alike! Follow us on twitter @DelwoodPTO or on Facebook Delwood Elementary PTO.



YEARBOOKS FOR SALE!

Delwood 6th grade students are again creating a yearbook for the school. Work on the book is being completed and the yearbooks will arrive in early May 2019.

PRICED AT \$20.00

The order form is below. The deadline for orders is ***Thursday, March 14. To keep prices low, we will not be ordering extra yearbooks.***

The yearbook will include all grade levels. We hope the yearbook helps create memories that will last forever for all Delwood students.

We are also looking for donations for the yearbook. The donations help keep the cost of the yearbook affordable for all families. Sponsors can be families, businesses, or any organization wishing to donate to this project. **All** donations of **any amount** are greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your support!

Delwood 6th Grade Yearbook Staff

YEARBOOK COST \$20.00

ORDER DEADLINE ***Thursday, March 14, 2019***

Please complete this form, attach the correct payment and return this to school. Make checks payable to **Delwood School**.

Student's Name _____ Grade _____

Yearbooks ordered _____ Amount enclosed \$ _____

Donation amount enclosed \$ _____ From _____