

Parents NEWSLETTER

Dickinson Academy
Cultural Center



WE ARE STRONGER AND BETTER TOGETHER!

PBIS Expectations

R- Respect

O- Ownership

A- Act Safe

R- Responsible

"Through SEL and PBIS, we teach not only academic skills but also essential life skills, preparing students for success in school and beyond."



FROM MRS. RIVERA'S DESK

Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of the year, it's a wonderful time to reflect on our students' growth and accomplishments. December is not only a time to celebrate the holiday season but also a time to show gratitude for the hard work, perseverance, and community spirit that have defined this year so far.

Our students have made great strides, and we are so proud of their achievements in and out of the classroom. As the holiday season approaches, let us remember the importance of kindness, giving, and spending quality time with our loved ones.

In this newsletter, you'll find updates on upcoming events, important dates, and ways to stay involved with our school community. Whether through our winter activities or special holiday initiatives, we encourage you to join in the season's spirit and help create lasting memories for your children.



We also want to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents for their continued support. Your involvement in your child's education makes a tremendous difference, and we are grateful for the strong partnership we share with you.

We wish you all a joyful and peaceful holiday season!

Warm regards,

Mrs. Rivera

Principal

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR BUILDING?

2024 December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Fall Choir Concert 4th-8th	4 <i>ThePlaygroundGR</i> Fall Music Concert Kinder-3rd/4th	5 All- School Assembly MATH Night	6	7
8	9 Retake Picture Day	10	11 <i>ThePlaygroundGR</i>	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 <i>ThePlaygroundGR</i> No School- PM	19 No School- PM	20 No School- PM	21
22	23 Winter Break	24 Winter Break	25 Winter Break	26 Winter Break	27 Winter Break	28
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UPDATES

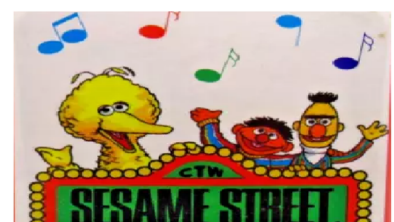
Fall Choir Concert (4th-8th grade)

Scholars will be performing the choir songs they have been working on this fall. Get ready for some special solos and for the grand finale where all scholars from 4th-8th sing together!



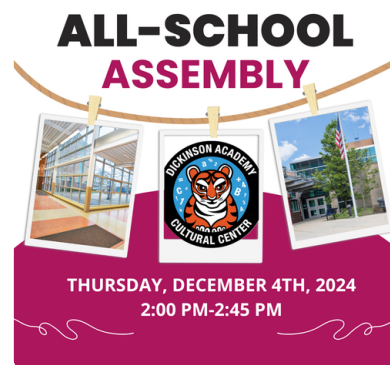
Fall Music Concert (Kinder-3rd/4th grade)

Scholars will be performing several familiar songs from Sesame Street along with some other music they have learned this year. Get ready for some special solos and for a grand finale where all scholars from grades Kinder-4rd/4th sing together!



All-School Assembly

On **Thursday, December 3, from 2:00 p.m.**, we will celebrate our monthly School Assembly, to which our parents are invited. We will also celebrate our Scholars of the Month, Artist of the Month, Class of the Month, Positive Office Referrals, Most Improved Scholar of the Month, Staff of the Month, and Grannies Choice Award.



Picture Retake Day

When: Monday, December 9th 2024 in our school



Winter Break

Winter Break will be from December 23rd to January 3rd.



REMINDERS

Lunch with Ms. Ebony

Each Friday, our middle schoolers are invited to meet during lunch time with Ms. Ebony, our Mental Health Clinician, to learn and discuss different topics on youth mental health to support our scholars

Arrival

- Starts at 8:00 a.m.
- Make sure scholars are not dropped before 8:00 a.m. as there is no supervision until 8:00 a.m.
- General Ed scholars enter via door E.
- Special Ed scholars enter via door C.
- Pre-school scholars enter via door B.

Dismissal

- Starts at 3:28 p.m.
- Parents picking up students must stay in their vehicles until their child/children are directed to exit through door E.

- Please wait outside door A until scholars exit for walkers.
- Please ensure that students are picked up on time for dismissal. The main office should not hold scholars after dismissal time (3:28 p.m.)

Parent Concerns

- Please inform the main office if you have any concerns about your child/children.
- Please do not confront another child/children who are not yours, as it sends the wrong message to the students.
- The safety of all children is our responsibility.

FROM THE KSSN OFFICE



WINTER GEAR ORDER FORM

**WE ARE EXCITED TO OFFER EACH OF OUR SCHOLARS A NEW WINTER COAT THIS YEAR.
PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW TO COMPLETE YOUR REQUEST FORM.
YOU WILL NEED TO COMPLETE A FORM FOR EACH SCHOLAR.**





Kent School Services Network



FORMULARIO DE PEDIDO DE ABRIGOS DE INVIERNO

ESTAMOS EMOCIONADOS DE PODER OFRECER A CADA UNO DE NUESTROS ESTUDIANTES UN NUEVO ABRIGO DE INVIERNO ESTE AÑO. POR FAVOR ESCANEE EL CÓDIGO QR A CONTINUACIÓN PARA COMPLETAR SU FORMULARIO DE SOLICITUD. DEBERÁ COMPLETAR UN FORMULARIO PARA CADA ESTUDIANTE.



BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENU

December 2024

GRPS K-5 and K-8 Schools
Breakfast

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 • Crescent Roll w/ Grape Jelly • Craisins-Cherry • Fruit Juice	3 • French Toast Sticks • Peaches, Canned • Fruit Juice	4 • Breakfast Pizza-Sausage Gravy • Orange • Fruit Juice	5 • Pancake Wrap • Cherries • Fruit Juice	6 • Cereal, Variety • Chocolate Chip Oatmeal Bar • Mixed Fruit • Fruit Juice
9 • Strudel Stick • Applesauce • Fruit Juice	10 • Scrambled Eggs • Apple Cinnamon Muffin • Craisins-Cherry • Fruit Juice	11 • Stuffed Waffle • Banana • Fruit Juice	12 • Cinnamon Pancakes • Pears, canned • Fruit Juice	13 • UBR, Ultimate Breakfast Round • Cherries • Fruit Juice
16 • Mini Maple Waffles • Raisins • Fruit Juice	17 • Egg Bites • Cereal Bar-Trix • Pears, canned • Fruit Juice	18 • Cereal, Variety • Scooby Doo Graham Sticks • Banana • Fruit Juice	19 • Breakfast Sausage & Gravy Bites • Mixed Berry Cup, Frozen • Fruit Juice	20 • Caramel Mini • Cherries • Fruit Juice
23 No School	24 No School	25 No School	26 No School	27 No School
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Milk Choices: Milk, Fat Free Chocolate Milk, 1% White

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chicken Nuggets Tater Tots Baby Carrots Applesauce 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teriyaki Dippers Fresh Broccoli Veggie Juice - Paradise Punch Flame Roasted Apples Eggo Grahams 	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Macaroni & Cheese PEAS & CARROTS Tossed Salad Romaine Lettuce Grape Tomatoes Dinner Roll Banana 	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shredded Taco Chicken Cheese, Cheddar Shredded Romaine Lettuce Diced Tomatoes Pinto Beans, Texas Ranchero Tortilla Fritos Mixed Berry Cup, Frozen 	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pepperoni Stick Corn Green Pepper Strips Pears, canned
9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meatloaf Maple Roasted Sweet Potatoes Sugar Snap Peas Cheez-Its Peach Cup 	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fiestada Beef Pizza Baja/Taco Fiesta Black Beans Veggie Juice - Paradise Punch Pears, fresh 	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheesy Breadsticks Cooked Broccoli Marinara Sauce Cup Mixed Fruit 	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> General Tso Dumplings, Chicken & Vegetable Egg Roll, Chicken Sidekick - Cherry Freeze Sliced Apples Fortune Cookie 	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tater Tots Beef Taco Meat Cheese Sauce Salsa Cherries Scooby Doo Graham Sticks
16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Honey BBQ Rib Patty Hamburger Bun, Whole Grain Sidewinders Potatoes Baby Carrots Jolly Sidekick 	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Penne Alfredo Cooked Broccoli Tossed Salad Romaine Lettuce Grape Tomatoes Peaches, Canned Garlic Toast 	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Turkey Ham & Cheese Croissant Baby Carrots Hummus Cup Sliced Apples 	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pizza Kit Veggie Juice-Paradise Punch Orange 	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Turkey Ham & Cheese-Hawaiian Bun Yogurt Fava Bean Crisps Celery Applesauce Cup
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Milk Choices: Milk, Fat Free Chocolate Milk, 1% White

RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES

Who is THE PLAYGROUNDgr?

THE PLAYGROUNDgr is a local nonprofit, who is committed to bridging the disparities of the racial, gender, culture, and socioeconomic gaps often found in caregivers/educational institutions and community based programming around the world of play.

Play based support, therapy and awareness continues to be an evidenced tool that sharpens and supports, emotional health, mental health, trauma, grief and attachment. THE PLAYGROUNDgr is tasked with ensuring all members of our community have access to free or reduce rated play workshops, trainings, play based groups and play based therapy.

Our Mission

To raise awareness around the emotional and mental health benefits of play. At THE PLAYGROUNDgr, we believe play heals.

Who Benefits from Play Therapy?

Everyone! At THE PLAYGROUNDgr we work alongside people of all ages.



IMPORTANT PHONE ORDERS

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