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DIVEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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DECEMBER 19, 2018 CALENDAR

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

First Day of Winter

Special Class Visitor ;)

MON, DEC. 24 - FRI, JAN. 4

Winter Break - No School!

YOU GOT THIS!

DON'T MISS A MEAL

Food Bank of the So. Tier
388 Upper Oakwood, Elm.
607-796-6061

DRESS FOR THE SEASON

Catholic Charities
215 E. Church St., Elmira
607-734-9784

KEEP THE HEAT ON

Salvation Army
414 Lake St., Elmira
607-732-0314

GIFTS FOR THE KIDDOS

Arctic League
249 W. Clinton St., Elmira
607-733-4576

*We have a long list of
local resources available!*

BOOK ON EVERY BED

Book on Every Bed wraps up (no pun intended) tomorrow! If you have not yet done so, please come on down to the library at morning drop-off, from 7:45am - 8:30am, to pick out a free book for your child. We have wrapping paper, bows, and tags for you to make your book into a very special gift! You can wrap it right here at school and sneak it into your child's bed tonight because tomorrow is the first day of winter! Let's kick off the season with the gift of reading. :)

NOTE ON ROUTINES

Teacher surveys here at Diven and around our country confirm that ROUTINES are extremely important to your child's academic success.

Each day at school, your child has a routine that moves him through lessons, activities, and play. Having a school routine makes it possible for your child's teacher to effectively teach a large group of children without going insane. It also keeps your children happy and focused!

Having routines at home helps your child at school! Bedtime routines make sure that your child gets enough sleep, boosting the immune system and decreasing behavioral problems. Morning routines lower stress levels and make sure that your child gets to school with a great start!

Check out the routine and sleep guides at the end of this newsletter.

OUR SUPER POWER WORD IS GENEROUIS I CAN GIVE AND SHARE WITH OTHERS.



On Friday, the Diven School Organization went class to class to collect Food Drive donations--hundreds of them! Great job, Dolphins!

Donations for the food bank continue to be collected until Friday. Our scholars, their families, teachers, and staff have done an amazing job of collecting canned and boxed food. We can't wait to deliver these goods to the food pantry!

We will be wrapping presents from our Angel Fish Families tomorrow from 9:00am - 11:30am. If you are able to help, please come to the school anytime and sign in at the front office to see the Parent Partner. The Parent Partner office is located in the copy room, straight down the hall, last door on the left.

Thank you all for your generosity.

E-mail me! ezilinski@gstcontractors.com

SUPER PARTNERS: HOME & SCHOOL

"WHAT DID YOU LEARN TODAY?"

It's the most wonderful time of the year! There was so much going on at Diven this week. Laura Buck and Mia Krause held classroom events, Anna Evens ran our first Book Giveaway, Katie Romeo's art class designed some hearts and cats, and the holidays are approaching!



SUPER TEACHERS!

"Mrs. Church has been a wonderful match for our daughter this year in Kindergarten! We are a busy family, and she is always extremely responsive and communicates effectively... We never have to guess what is going on, which is a huge relief with this being our first school-aged child. But, mostly, I can tell she genuinely cares about all of the children in her class, not only through her words but her actions. My daughter has a smile on her face each day when leaving school, and I know this year will play a huge role in setting the tone for the rest of her academic career. We are thrilled it will be a positive one!" -Sarah D

Why is your kid's teacher super?

Let me know by e-mailing:
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HELP ME OUT, HERE!

Our question this week is actually a comment from a first-grade parent: "I do not attend DSO meetings because you hold them in the middle of the work day."

I actually commented about this issue last year, when I was a parent attending a DSO meeting: why don't we change the time so that more parents can attend? Apparently, the time of the DSO meeting has been changed many times in the past, from earlier in the mornings, to later in the evenings. Unfortunately, we have yet to find the sweet spot. We sent out surveys last week on the back of the PTO flyer, and we are looking over your feedback right now.

Thankfully, many parents did attend the DSO Family Movie Night last Friday! So, we know that you guys are interested in attending school events.

If the DSO meeting time is the only reason you can't attend, please let us know what day/time *would* work for your schedule.

Even if you can't attend a DSO meeting, we want and need parents to tell us their questions, concerns, and suggestions about our school and school events. We are parents, just like you, and we all want to make our school a welcoming place for our children and our families.

At our meeting, we discussed the following events happening January - March, which we hope you'll attend or volunteer to help:

Book Bingo Night, Family Game Night
Coffee Talk with Colin
Fit Family Night, Scholastic Book Fair

...and more!

Send me your questions!

YOUR SCHOOL IN THE NEWS!

ELMIRA, NY (WENY) -- One-Hundred and seventy elementary school children in the Elmira City School district are receiving warm winter coats, in time for the holidays.

Williams Honda of Elmira, along with WENY TV, donated coats to elementary schools across the district Friday morning. It's part of "Operation Coats for Kids"; an idea by Williams Honda, as a way to give back to the community and make sure children have the necessities this winter. Coats, along with several pairs of mittens, gloves and hats, were dropped off to Fassett, **Diven**, Riverside and Pine City Elementary schools.

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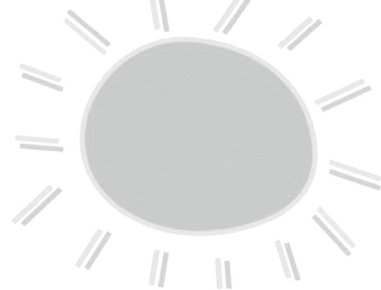
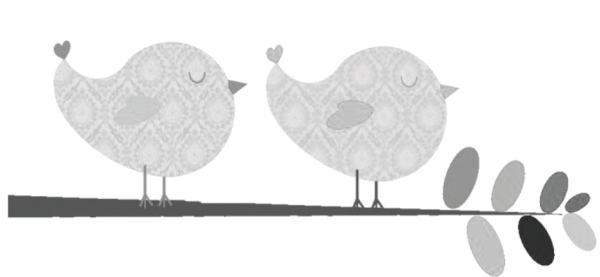
Brad Lister with Williams Honda says the idea came out of conversations at the dealership with teachers who would come through the doors of the dealership. Many of them would share stories of their students, and how many families don't have the means to buy coats or other winter items. He says dropping off these donations today, you could see the gratitude on teachers' faces.

"You have no idea what it feels like... they've smiled, they've been a little emotional, and that's huge to us to be able to give back like that," Lister said.

* ROUTINES

I want to remind staff and families: winter break is stressful for some children and families. Many face challenges throughout the year, and winter break is no exception. When kids return from break, please give them plenty of grace, love, and compassion, as you always do.

E-mail me pics of your child helping our school or applying their lessons outside the school for our newsletter!



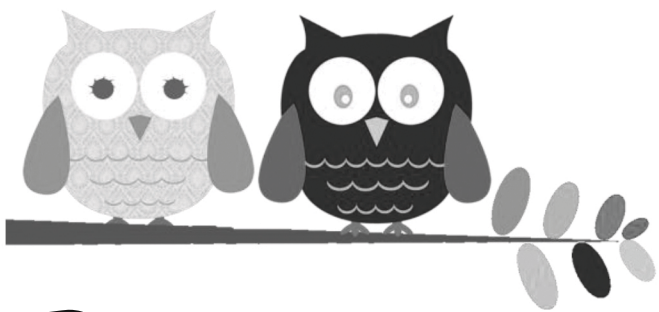
Morning Routine

	Go potty.
	Make your bed.
	Get dressed and place dirty jammies in your hamper.
	Eat breakfast, then put your dishes in the sink.
	Take vitamins.
	Brush your teeth.
	Brush your hair.
	Put on your shoes.




Are you ready for school?

	I have my shoes and socks on.
	I have my homework and papers in my folder.
	My folder is in my backpack.
	I have my lunch.
	I have my backpack.
	Check the weather. Do you need a coat?
	I am ready for school!



Bedtime Routine

	Go potty.
	Bath time.
	Get dressed and place dirty jammies in your hamper.
	Brush your teeth.
	Pick up your toys and books.
	Story time.
	Give thanks.
	Hugs and kisses, goodnight



Wake-Up Time								
	6:00 am	6:15 am	6:30 am	6:45 am	7:00 am	7:15 am	7:30 am	
Bedtime								
Age								
5	6:45 pm	7:00 pm	7:15 pm	7:30 pm	7:30 pm	8:00 pm	8:15 pm	
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Credit: Stacy Karlsen / Wilson Elementary School