

DIVEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

DOLPHIN DISPATCH

JANUARY 30, 2019 CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31
8:30AM - 9:30AM
Coffee Talk w/ Principal
RSVP to front office or
ezilinski@gstcontractors.com

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14
Coffee Bar at Drop-Off
Cocoa Bar at Pick-Up
Happy Valentine's Day!

FEBRUARY 18 - 22
NO SCHOOL
Enjoy the break!

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26
Family Game Night
Let's make and play some
math games together!

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

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

HELP YOUR CHILD EXCEL

Often, your child comes home from school with optional work. Did you know that spending 15 minutes a day, just three days a week on this optional work can bring your child's reading and math scores up to the next level?

The best part is that your child is working on the same stuff at school, so you need only set aside the time for your children to do the work, and they can do it alone with little or no help from you. You can also try Odyssey.

Have you *heard* of Odyssey? It's our interactive online curriculum that is tailor-made to fit your kiddo! Your child learns math and reading at his or her own pace, and it's fun.

You can use Odyssey at home! If you have the internet, just go to www.thelearningodyssey.com. Your user name is your child's "LASTNAME-FIRSTNAME." Your password is "abc." And the school is the most dolphintastic school around, "diven." Check it out! Any work your student completes at home will help them at school.



**OUR SUPER POWER WORD IS
COURAGEOUS**
I CAN BE BRAVE AND TRY NEW THINGS.



Many of our working parents tell us that it's hard to put their child to bed early, because it cuts into time they spend with their child during the week.

Still, to keep our Diven scholars healthy, alert, and happy, they need to have a consistent bedtime routine that gives them around ten hours of sleep (less if they nap during the day).

So, if your child has been staying up late during the week, try something new. Start bumping bedtime back a little each day.

Make weekends with your child a time to bond and build special memories.

Your child will learn better, have better focus, and behave better in school if at home, you are making sure your little ones get the sleep they need to be the best they can be.

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PARENTS & TEACHERS: SUPER PARTNERS!

WE ♥ TEACHERS



Mrs. Church's class practices identifying shapes and has fun coloring snowmen!



First grade students continued their Great Circle Residency, making habitats for animals. Their habitats will be displayed at the Rockwell Museum!



Mrs. Doud's music class used color-coded teams to make some cool beats, while Mrs. Macko's art class made rainbow snowmen.



Deputy Dave was thrilled to receive thank you's from our scholars during Law Enforcement Appreciation Day.

SHOULD I STAY OR GO?



Keep 'em home if they have a fever of 100.4 or higher in the last 24 hours. Your child has to be fever-free for 24 hours *without the use of fever-reducing medication* to return to school.



Keep 'em home if they've been vomiting in the last 24 hours. Send them back after two solid meals and 24 hours without vomiting.



Diarrhea, pfft, pfft? Your child has to be diarrhea-free for 24 hours to return to school.



Does your child look like a leopard? If your kid has a body rash with itching or fever, keep 'em home. Send them back when the rash is gone or a doc gives the okay.



Keep 'em home if it looks like your child's eye is infected or very red and itchy. Bring them to the doc and send them back when the extremely contagious pink-eye is gone.



If your child's been in the hospital, please have a doctor's note ready when he returns to school.

The Beecher Elementary Health Clinic can help you. Call 735-3501.

Because there's only one thing worse than a sick kid, and that's a sick teacher! Let's keep everybody as healthy as we can. Follow these guidelines and wash your hands and your kiddo's hands like your health depends on it. It does!

COMMUNITY FTW

Our little ones who were signed up for dental cleanings and screenings had them last week! So, if you noticed the kiddos were extra smiley, now you know why!



It's super cold! Winter has definitely arrived.

Some of our scholars are coming to school without enough winter gear to keep them warm when we play outside. Our school nurse has lots of gear she'd love to give you if your child has gone through a growth spurt or you can't afford to purchase these items right now.

If your child simply doesn't want to wear all that gear and you're rushing out the door, just throw it in the backpack and send it in. Peer pressure is a powerful motivator when it's time for recess and a coat is mandatory! :)

Please also remember to send in a backpack for storing coats, hats, and more. We prevent the spread of lice and cut down on lost mittens this way.

Layers are needed when the our little dudes are playing in the snow. Put a snow suit over a coat, over a sweater, over a long-sleeve shirt on a windy, icy day. Make sure those fingers and heads are covered and your child has socks and winter boots.

Send sneakers in their backpack if they wear boots to school so we keep our floors clean, too, please. Stay toasty!

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SUPPORT YOUR DSO



T-Shirt sales continue until Friday! After that, it will be too late to order these limited edition Diven Read Your Heart Out shirts. Remember, for another \$5, you can customize the shirt with your (or your child's) name!

Money raised from this fundraiser supports our family event programming and other DSO programs.

Order forms are available in the front office or online at tinyurl.com/DivenDD.



READ YOUR HEART OUT CHALLENGE

Read Your Heart Out begins February 1 and runs through February 15! We encourage you to read with your child, to your child, and to make reading fun!

Look for the Read Your Heart Out flyer in your Wednesday folder. Have your student complete the challenge for a chance to win great prizes, like Kohl's Cares Book/Plushie combos. Teachers will also have individual reading goals for your kiddos.

This is a great time to check out Odyssey reading and see how your child is doing in class.



POPCORN FRIDAYS

Popcorn! Get your popcorn! A quarter buys a bag of popcorn for your child on Friday, fresh popped in coconut oil by the Diven School Organization.

We are using a smaller popcorn machine since our larger model broke. We've received some quotes on repairing it, but are likely going to purchase a new popcorn maker next year.

And we can always use some volunteer popcorn makers on Friday mornings!



COFFEE TALK

Coffee Talk with Principal Werfelman is tomorrow, Thursday, 8:30am. If you'd like to attend but have not sent in an RSVP, you are welcome to come but might not get a bagel and coffee. :-P For more information, send an e-mail to ezilinski@gstcontractors.com.

VOLUNTEERS!

The Parent Partner is seeking volunteers to make a bajillion hearts for the February bulletin board, which will have a love and Black History Month theme.

We have a heart stamper-majigger, so you won't have to cut them out, but you will have to come on down to the copy room and stamp and stamp and stamp until you go insane or we have enough hearts.

Mrs. West is seeking volunteers to help with her pre-Kindergarten Valentine's Day party.

Mrs. Church is seeking volunteers to help read to the children as they get ready to go outside, around 10:50am each day.

The DSO is seeking volunteers to help with the Spring Mixer and other events. They also need volunteers to sort t-shirts when they come in mid-February.

If interested in any position, please send an e-mail to ezilinski@gstcontractors.com.

