

# Tiger Cub News

Delano Elementary School Newsletter



April 2019

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## Dates to remember

### April

3.....DQ night, 5-8 p.m.  
(Schmidt, Swan)

5.....Third-grade field trip

9.....ES PIE, 7 p.m.

17.....DQ night, 5-8 p.m.  
(Huikko, Knisley)

19.....No school, holiday break

22..Make-up day, class in session

22.....School board mtg., 7 p.m.

25.....ES Art Fair, 5 p.m.



The Tiger Fun Fair will take place from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 30, at the TAC. Delano's largest school carnival will feature games, inflatables, food and a silent auction. The event is hosted by DES PIE. All are welcome. To volunteer, see bit.ly/FunFair19.

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## Active learning

CLIMB Theatre visited Delano Elementary on the first day back from spring break to share a message about how to develop and practice self control. See Page 2 for more.

## Sharing survey feedback

By Darren Schuler  
Principal

In mid-November DES families were sent an electronic survey via e-mail. We would like to highlight some of the feedback we received from our parent community in regard to three areas.

### 1. Family support

This subject addressed the amount of academic and social support families provide their child outside of school.

According to the survey, 46 percent of our parents say



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they have conversations with their child about what his or her class is learning at school

“almost all the time.”

Parents reported that 37 percent of the time they “frequently” talk with their child when they are having problems in school with others. On the flip side, only 12 percent of parents know their child’s close friends “extremely well.”

### 2. School climate

The school climate category addressed perceptions of the overall social and learning climate of the school.

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# CLIMB Theatre

Delano Elementary students eased back into the school routine after spring break with a special performance by CLIMB Theatre that focused on techniques students can use to develop self-control. Whether excited, angry or sad, students learned to properly manage their emotions in order to be considerate of others.



# DES Art Fair set for April 25

Does your child like to draw, paint, take pictures, or create other art projects? Then we have the perfect opportunity for you!

The Delano Elementary Art Fair is taking place from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 25, in the Multipurpose Room. Students are allowed to submit up to two art projects for the Art Fair.

In previous years, students have submitted photographs, crafts, paintings, mixed media, clay, etc. Registration of artwork will take place before the start of the school day Monday, April 22, through Thursday, April 25.

The DES Art Committee is also looking for volunteers to help with checking in artwork, displaying artwork, and taking down artwork. If you are able to volunteer, please follow the Sign-Up Genius link below:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4faaab2da4fe3-artfair>

Committee members encourage everyone to come out for the DES Art Fair!



## Party planners

After a winter weather delay in February, second-graders had the opportunity to participate in their Coborn's math night on March 7. Many families came out to enjoy the evening, during which students were challenged to plan a pizza party within a budget of \$50.



## Explore the Imaginarium at the Art Fair

Have you heard your child talking about the Imaginarium? Are you curious what it's all about?

Please stop by on Thursday, April 25, for the first annual "Imaginarium Emporium."

During the art fair, Imaginarium tools like Beebots, Keva Planks, Strawbees, Snap Circuits and more will be set up in the Imaginarium and Media Center.

Stop by before or after



checking out some wonderful student art projects and see what the Imaginarium is all about!

"Our goal is to promote the STEAM initiative set forth this year, along with showcasing all the activities we have in the

Imaginarium," said DES teacher Nate Uselding, who along with Amanda Ward worked to get the Imaginarium up and running for this year. "We're inviting all families to explore with their children the fun activities purchased through PIE, and to check out the Art Fair."

# Testing season includes MCAs, FAST

## Data from tests used to improve classroom teaching and learning

**By Greg Hinker**  
Assistant Principal

During the months of April and May DES students will be participating in the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments test (MCAs) and the Formative Assessment System for Teachers test (FAST).

All DES students K-3 take the FAST reading and math tests, and all students in third grade take the MCA reading and math test.

The results of both tests are very beneficial and are used by staff, but in different ways. The MCA is given each spring and measures student mastery of grade-level standards. It tells us how well we have aligned curriculum to and instructed students in the Minnesota Academic Standards in reading



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and mathematics.

We use the information to improve classroom teaching and learning. Teachers and principals look for areas where students do well so they can reinforce the ways they teach

these skills. They also look for areas that need improvement so they can increase instructional time or modify their instruction.

### Resources

Families can go to the Test Preparation Suggestions for Parents and Teachers handout on the MDE website for tips on content preparation and general test-taking strategies.

Item samplers are also available on the MDE website to help students become familiar with the format of the test and the types of questions that are on the test. Student tutorials for online tests provide information on using the online tools and describe navigation and item types.

The FAST test is a universal screening assessment that is

given three times each year. Universal screening is the process of regularly checking every student's performance (taking their "temperature") periodically during the school year. It is an adaptive computer test that is individualized and monitors individual student growth. The results of this assessment help staff identify students who are responding well to core instruction (on track), as well as those who may require supplemental or intervention and instructional support.

Students will take the MCA reading test the week of April 15 and the MCA math test the week of April 22. The FAST test will be administered starting the week of May 20. Individual classroom teachers will post more specifics.

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday										
Chicken Drumstick <b>1</b> A)Egg Salad Sandwich Brown Rice Peas Lettuce Salad Pineapple	French Toast Sticks <b>2</b> Sausage Tritater Steamed Broccoli OJ Cup	Hamburger <b>3</b> Sun Chips Baked Beans Lettuce / Tomatoes / Pickles Baby Carrots Fruit Cocktail	Chicken Patty <b>4</b> Pasta / Marinara Sauce California Blend Vegetables Lettuce Pears	Cheese Quesadilla <b>5</b> Corn / Salsa Lettuce Salad Fresh Fruit										
Hot Dog <b>8</b> A)BBQ Rib Sandwich Sun Chips Baked Beans Baby Carrots Rosy Applesauce	Chicken Gravy <b>9</b> A)Polish Sausage Mashed Potatoes / Peas Lettuce / Roll Baked Apple Slices	Chicken Nuggets <b>10</b> Tritater Green Beans Veggies Fruit Cocktail	Pizza <b>11</b> Cheese / Pepperoni Corn Lettuce Salad Pears	Soft Shell Beef Taco <b>12</b> A)Fish Sandwich Lettuce / Cheese / Salsa Refried Beans Frosted Graham Cracker Fresh Fruit										
Popcorn Chicken <b>15</b> Brown Rice Stir Fry Vegetables Lettuce Pineapple	Corn Dog <b>16</b> Potato Smiles Baked Beans Veggies Rosy Applesauce	Italian Dunkers <b>17</b> A)Chicken Salad Sandwich Corn Lettuce Salad Fresh Fruit	Chicken Patty – Bun <b>18</b> A)PBJ Sandwich Chicken Noodle Soup Lettuce / Crackers / Veggies Peaches	<b>19</b> No School Holiday										
Nachos – Beef / Cheese <b>22</b> Lettuce / Onions / Salsa Refried Beans Fresh Fruit	Cinnamon Roll <b>23</b> Cheese Omelet Steamed Broccoli Tritater Orange Wedges Apple Juice Cup	Spaghetti – Meatballs <b>24</b> A)Chicken Caesar Salau Garlic Bread Green Beans Lettuce Salad Pears	Chicken Nuggets <b>25</b> Tritater Corn Veggies Fruit Cocktail	Hamburger <b>26</b> A)Sloppy Joes Waffle Fries Lettuce / Tomatoes / Pickles Orange Wedges										
Dominos Pizza <b>29</b> Cheese / Pepperoni Green Beans Lettuce Salad Pears	Chicken Patty <b>30</b> Mashed Potatoes Country Gravy / Carrots Lettuce Salad Roll Orange Wedges													



# Tiger spirit

Excitement reached a fever pitch when players and coaches from the state-bound boys hockey team walked through Delano Elementary School on March 5. Players gave high-fives, signed autographs, and enjoyed the 'Let's go, Tigers!' chants as they made their way through the halls.



# Down syndrome day

DES students and staff observed World Down Syndrome Day by wearing crazy socks on March 21. Students contributing to this colorful ring of feet are from Ms. Johnson/Ms. Emmerich's room.

# Schuler

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Fifty-eight percent of parents reported that their children enjoy going to school "quite a bit," and 88 percent of parents gave a "favorable" opinion that the school administrators create an environment

**'Ninety-nine percent of parents replied ... that their child feels safe at school.'**

that helps children learn. In addition, 99 percent of parents had a favorable opinion that children at Delano Elementary have a "tremendous amount" or "quite a bit" of respect for the staff.

We also noted that 51 percent of our parents gave

a favorable rating about how much the school values the diversity of the backgrounds of our students.

### 3. School safety

The school safety section addressed perceptions of student physical and psychological safety at school.

It was encouraging to report that 99 percent of parents replied favorably that their child feels safe at school. In addition, 53 percent of parents said they "almost never" or "once in a while" worry about violence in our school.

Our DES Site Base Leadership Team has taken time to review the survey data and has started to look at ways in which we can improve our services and approaches to better serve our students and our Delano Elementary families. If you would like to view the entire survey and results, feel free to stop by the DES office.

**DELANO DRAMA PRESENTS:**

Disney's

# HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL ON STAGE



at the  
**DELANO  
PERFORMING  
ARTS CENTER**

Students  
**\$5**  
Adults  
**\$7**

**APR  
26**

**7PM**

**APR  
27**

**7PM**

**MAY  
2**

**7PM**

**MAY  
3**

**7PM**

**MAY  
4**

**1PM**

Tickets available online at: [delano.k12.mn.us](http://delano.k12.mn.us)



# Senior visit

Mrs. Schmidt's second-grade students visited the Delano Senior Center this month for lunch and to share knock-knock jokes. While there, students learned about the history of Delano Public Schools, and many of the seniors shared their experiences as students at the old elementary school and one-room school houses.



## Announcements

### Reduce stress, optimize health

Caring deeply for your child or youth with disabilities can be stressful, and that stress can impact your health and wellbeing.

The PACER Center (8161 Normandale Blvd. Minneapolis) will host a guided lesson for parents, caregivers and professionals featuring L. Read Sulik, a child, adolescent and adult psychiatrist, on two dates in April. The first session is from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 4, and the second is from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Monday, April 29. Register online at <http://bit.ly/Sulik-PACER>.

Sometimes the best thing you can do for the children you care about is to take better care of yourself. Learn how to use scientifically proven techniques to reduce your stress and start a journey to optimize your health and wellbeing.



L. Read Sulik

### Weather make-up days

After extreme weather resulted in the cancellation of four school days earlier this year, make-up days will be in effect. Dates when school was canceled due to weather included Jan. 29-31 and Feb. 20.

Make-up days set before the beginning of the school year included Monday, Feb. 18, and Monday, April 22. In addition, two days have been added to the end of the school year, so class will be in session through Thursday, June 6.

Additional days will be added to the end of the school year, if necessary, during the remainder of the year.

A fifth canceled day that will not be made up, due to highly unusual circumstances, is the Feb. 8 closure due to a heating problem in the high school. Staff members did report for work that day.

### Tiger Fun Fair on March 30

The annual Tiger Fun Fair will be held from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 30. The whole community is invited to attend. Attractions include eight large inflatables, including all new obstacle courses and jousting.

Wristbands are \$10 for school age children and \$5 for pre-K and under. Parents get in free. Food is sold separately and will be available all day in the concessions area. There will be a huge raffle where parents can purchase tickets for \$1 each or 25 tickets for \$20. Raffle prizes include two bicycles.

Families with financial hardship are encouraged to contact DES Social Worker Lisa Armstrong at 763.972.6200, ext. 1315, or [lisa.armstrong@delanoschools.org](mailto:lisa.armstrong@delanoschools.org). The goal is that every child who wants to attend gets the opportunity. About 200 volunteers are needed for the event. Sign up to help at [bit.ly/FunFair19](http://bit.ly/FunFair19).

### County seeking foster families

Wright County is seeking foster families who will allow children experiencing difficult situations to remain in their school.

"We try to keep foster children in their current school district to allow for more stability in their already unstable lives," said Wright County Case Aide Valerie Steele. "We are trying to reach every community to help spread the word about the need of additional foster parents in each Wright County city."

Wright County has a pressing and ongoing need for foster families. All children need a safe home where people will nurture and respect them.

Children enter foster care due to significant life factors, often including abuse or neglect. The overall goal of foster care is to provide children with a temporary, stable and caring family setting until they are reunited with their family or until a permanency plan is established for them. If you would like more information about becoming a foster parent, contact Marisa Ferguson at 763-682-7484 or [marisa.ferguson@co.wright.mn.us](mailto:marisa.ferguson@co.wright.mn.us).



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