

# Tiger Cub News

Delano Elementary School Newsletter



April 2022



Second-graders put on their concert March 24. See photos on Page 6.

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## Dates to remember

### April

11.....Kindergarten Roundup  
(families with last name A-K)

12.....Kindergarten Roundup  
(families with last name L-Z)

15.....Good Friday, no school

18.....School board listening  
session, 7 p.m.

19.....PIE meeting, 6:30 p.m.

20.....Two-hour late start

21.....Imagination Fair, 4:30 p.m.

21...School board mtg., 5:45 p.m.



## Reading Carnival

Students capped 'I Love to Read Month' with the Reading Carnival on Friday, March 4. Sports and games, obstacle courses, music and more made for a fun celebration of the hard work students did through the month of February. See more on Page 4.

## Measuring student progress

By Rachel Schultz  
Principal

*"The most valuable resource that all teachers have is each other. Without collaboration our growth is limited to our own perspectives."*

- Robert John Meehan

Over the last few months the elementary school has capitalized on a couple of professional development opportunities to support students and staff: Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling (LETRS), and MnMulti-Tiered Systems of Supports (MTSS).



Rachel Schultz

Both of these opportunities are coming from the Minnesota Department of Education

without cost to the district. We will begin the learning this year and implement strategies as we go over the course of the next few years.

Through collaboration in our Professional Learning Communities (PLCs), we will begin to see which strategies offer the greatest impact as we go forward.

### LETRS

LETRS® is comprehensive professional learning designed to provide educators with deep

See Schultz  
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# Family Reading Night

Students, siblings and parents spread out around Delano Elementary School on Tuesday, March 8, for Family Reading Night. 'We had a wonderful turnout and it was fun to see so many families reading together. Also, thank you to the Delano Public Library for joining our event and adding to the fun!' said DES Principal Rachel Schultz.



## Schultz

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knowledge to be literacy and language experts.

Developed by Dr. Louisa Moats and leaders in the field of literacy, LETRS® teaches the skills needed to master the foundation and fundamentals of reading and writing instruction — phonological awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, comprehension, and written language.

We currently have over 20 teachers who have voluntarily signed up to take the LETRS® learning courses. What is unique about this professional

development is that it spans over a year and a half. It also incorporates job-embedded professional learning to practice the strategies with students throughout the year.

Educators will have opportunities to collaborate with others within the district that have signed up, but will complete the courses on their own time (over 150 hours!) to deepen their knowledge of literacy. We are excited for this opportunity and to learn more about teaching reading.

### MTSS

The other professional development opportunity is

guiding us in re-establishing our support for students both academically and behaviorally through the MnMTSS framework.

The last two years of various learning models, as a result of pandemic learning and teaching, have had huge impacts on students and staff. We are learning ways to systematically support staff and students' needs across the district through this professional development.

Delano is part of a cohort with surrounding schools that meets monthly to discuss ways through MnMTSS to support learning gaps that all schools

are experiencing. These trainings are facilitated by experts in this field to give us direction and coaching moving forward.

Our first task within our team is to determine what supports we already have in place that are successful and what crucial parts need to be established or refined.

Bringing teacher leaders across the district together in both of these professional development opportunities will be valuable, challenging, and necessary to bridge the learning gap among students while supporting staff in implementation.

# Kindergarten Roundup

## Families invited to DES on April 11 and 12

Delano Elementary School invites you to attend Kindergarten Roundup on Monday, April 11, or Tuesday, April 12, if you have children entering kindergarten in the fall of 2022.

Families with last names beginning with A through K should come on Monday, and families with last names beginning with L through Z should come on Tuesday.

If you have a conflict on your assigned evening, please come on the alternate evening.

Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. At 6 p.m. children will remain in the kindergarten classrooms, and parents/guardians will move to the cafeteria for an information session with the principal and dean of students. This session



will conclude at about 6:45 p.m.

In order to make this a special evening for you and your child, please make childcare arrangements for other

siblings.

If you have not received a kindergarten registration packet, or if you are new to the area, contact Delano Elementary School at 763-972-6200.

# Every Meal provides assistance with food

Delano Public Schools is fortunate to partner with Every Meal to offer a free weekly food program to all students.

Every Meal is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a mission to fight child hunger through community and school partnerships. Every Meal strives to make a difference in children's lives by focusing on food gaps like weekends, school breaks and summer, when students can't receive food in school.

### Details

- Free for all families.
- No enrollment qualifications.
- Students enrolled in the program will receive a bag of nutritious, nonperishable food each week.
- Every Meal does not collect information from families; privacy is protected.
- Families may enroll in the program anytime throughout the school year.
- Families may choose from a variety of different weekend meal bag options.

### More info

For more information, or to sign up, contact your school social worker or counselor.

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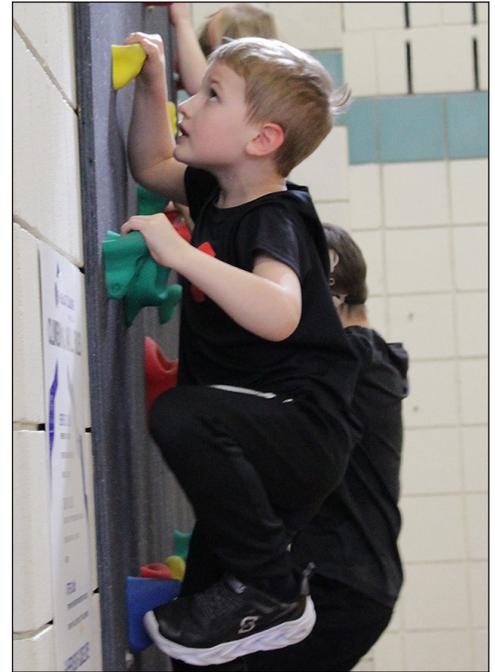
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## Food drive

Second- and third-graders held a week-long food drive to help out the Delano food shelf from March 14-18. The service project resulted in the collection of 1,041 pounds of food. Thanks to all students and families for your support of this important effort.



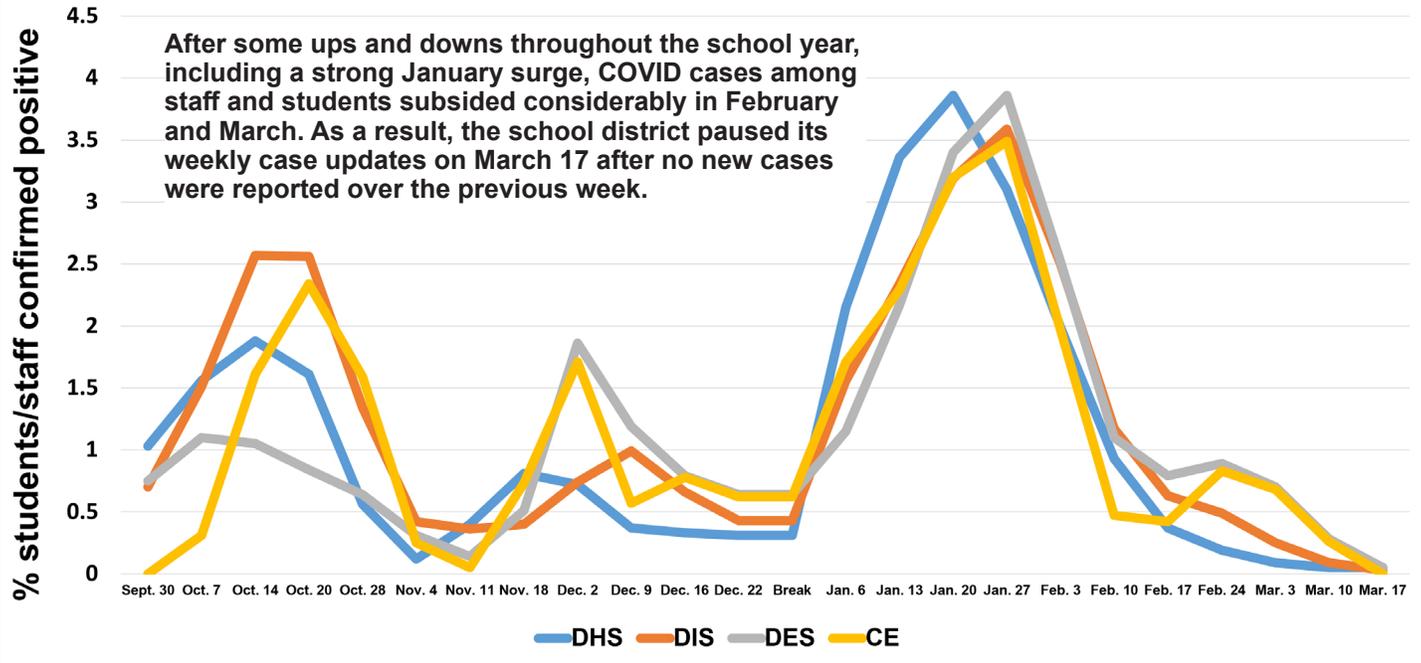


# Reading Carnival

DES students enjoyed the end of 'I Love to Read Month' with a variety of fun and games during the Reading Carnival on Friday, March 4. Here is a look at some of the action.

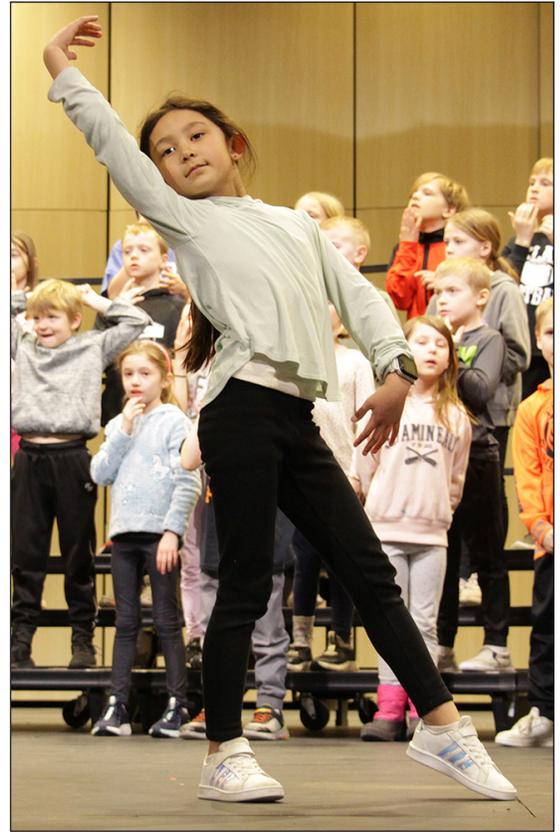


# COVID cases 2021-22 (14-day case rate)



LUNCH					APRIL 2022 Delano Elementary School				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 Orange Chicken Brown Rice Peas / Roll Lettuce Salad Pineapple <b>4</b>	 French Toast Sticks Sausage Hashbrown Steamed Broccoli Baked Apple Slices <b>5</b>	 Hamburger Sun Chips Baked Beans Lettuce / Tomatoes Pickles / Onions / Carrots Fruit Cocktail <b>6</b>	 Macaroni and Cheese <b>7</b> California Blend Vegetables Roll Lettuce Salad Orange Wedges	<b>1</b> No School Spring Break	 Cheesy Breadsticks <b>8</b> Marinara Sauce Corn Lettuce Salad Fresh Fruit Cookie				
 Hot Dog <b>11</b> A)BBQ Rib Sandwich Sun Chips Baked Beans Baby Carrots Rosy Applesauce	 Chicken Gravy <b>12</b> A)Polish Sausage Mashed Potatoes Peas / Roll Orange Wedges	 Chicken Nuggets <b>13</b> Hashbrown Green Beans Veggies / Roll Fruit Cocktail	 Pizza <b>14</b> Corn Lettuce Salad Pears	<b>15</b> No School Good Friday	 Soft Chicken Tacos <b>22</b> Lettuce / Cheese / Salsa Refried Beans Corn Fresh Fruit Graham Goldfish				
 Chicken Tenders <b>18</b> Mashed Potatoes Country Gravy / Roll Steamed Broccoli Lettuce Salad Pineapple / Mandarin Oranges	 Corn Dog <b>19</b> Potato Smiles Baked Beans Veggies Rosy Applesauce	 Italian Dunkers <b>20</b> Marinara Sauce Corn Lettuce Salad Fresh Fruit	 Chicken Patty – Bun <b>21</b> A)PBJ Sandwich Chicken Noodle Soup Crackers / Veggies Lettuce Salad Peaches	 Nachos – Beef / Cheese <b>25</b> Tortilla Chips Lettuce / Onions / Salsa Refried Beans OJ Cup Fresh Fruit	 Cinnamon Roll <b>26</b> Cheese Omelet Steamed Broccoli Hashbrown Orange Wedges				
 Spaghetti – Meat Sauce <b>27</b> Green Beans Lettuce Salad Garlic Bread Pears	 Chicken Nuggets <b>28</b> Hashbrown Corn Veggies Roll Fruit Cocktail	 Hamburger <b>29</b> A)Sloppy Joes Sun Chips Lettuce / Tomatoes Pickles / Onions Orange Wedges							

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# Concert prep

Second-graders performed their concert on Thursday, March 24, in the Delano High School Performing Arts Center. These photos are from a rehearsal for the event the afternoon before the show.



# Become a substitute teacher

Delano Public Schools is seeking substitutes to help cover gaps in staffing.

Substitute teachers can:

- Choose their own schedule.
  - Choose to work close to home or experience many different schools and districts.
  - Find jobs through easy online job scheduling.
  - Work short- or long-term positions.
  - Explore a variety of classroom settings, from primary to secondary levels.
- Apply with Teachers on Call by visiting [www.teacherpersoncall.com](http://www.teacherpersoncall.com), or calling 952-346-1656. Free training is provided.



# Writers Workshop

A total of 24 third-graders recently took part in the eight-week Writers Workshop course. Participants focus on a different style of writing each week, and receive 'peer conferencing' feedback from classmates. They also choose a final piece to edit and publish in an anthology. The anthology is combined with fourth-grade Writers Workshop participants' final pieces as well. In May this group will head to the College of St. Benedict to attend the Young Author Young Artist Conference.

# Announcements

## Exercise equipment sought

My name is Jon Wissink (Mr. Jon), and I'm asking for donations of lightly used exercise equipment. It would need to be in good condition, and be easily moved in and out of a room.

We are looking for items such as stationary bikes, treadmills, cable row machines and stair-steppers.

In consultation with the occupational therapist who works with our school, we know that students who struggle with inattention and hyperactivity benefit from intense physical activity for 10-15 minutes before core academic instruction; it helps them achieve higher levels of focus and academic retention.

Please contact me if you have any of the above items that you would like to donate. Thank you for considering!

- [jon.wissink@delanoschools.org](mailto:jon.wissink@delanoschools.org), or 763-972-6200, ext. 1347.

## County seeking foster families

On average there are 140 children within Wright County who are in out of home placement nightly. Wright County currently

has a pressing need for foster parents, especially for teens, sibling groups and emergency on-call providers.

The county supports children in placement and foster parents who are caring for them, but assistance from the community is needed. Are you interested in more information?

- Contact Marisa Ferguson at 763.682.7484 or email her at [Marisa.Ferguson@co.wright.mn.us](mailto:Marisa.Ferguson@co.wright.mn.us).
- Attend an upcoming orientation on Monday, May 2, from 6-9 p.m. The meeting will be held at Wright County Government Center, 3650 Braddock Ave. NE in Buffalo.

## Notify school of address changes

Moving? Changing schools? If your family is moving out of the school district, whether or not your students will continue attending Delano Public Schools next year, please notify the DES office at 763-972-6200 for DES, 763-972-7602 for DIS, or 763-972-7601 for DHS. This information is vital for class assignments and staffing needs for the 2022-23 school year.



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