

Dakota Prairie Elementary August News

From the Desk of Mrs. Jackie Bye, Elementary Principal



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***Mission Statement:** We will educate our students as lifelong learners in an ever changing world.*

Welcome To the Dakota Prairie Elementary 2017-18 School Year

I would like to welcome all of our returning families and all of our new families to exciting new school year at Dakota Prairie Elementary. Last year was a great year for the Dakota Prairie School District, and we will all work together to continue the excellent education we bring to the students. As we “*GROW THE WHOLE CHILD*” we strive every day to help students grow and *soar*, in many ways, through academics; lifelong skills; emotionally and socially; and also healthy minds and bodies. We teach and practice *Respect, Responsibility, Relationship* building, and provide *Rigor* in our expectations. All of these areas combine to ensure your child is ready for a successful future!! Thank you for letting us be an important part of your child’s life! If at any

"Grow the Whole Child"



..... *Help Them Soar*



Mark Your Calendars

SCHOOL STARTS

August 23, 2017

8:45-3:30

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*5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> GBB Practice Starts*

*August 28*

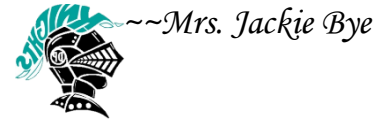
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Picture Day!

September 21, 2017

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time during the school year you have questions or concerns, please give me a call. Communication and working together is the best way for us to succeed in “*Growing the Whole Child*”.



## What's New at DPE



PreSchool Teacher: Keri McPherson

5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> SS, Math, PE : Jenni Sateren

Paras: Beth Monsebroten & Sara Corby

Custodian: Leroy Manke

Bus Drivers: Bill Lodermeier & Diana Bellah



Guided Leveled Reading Groups

Fact Practice Time

Enrichment/Intervention Block

Knight Time (5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade before school)

## Monthly Celebration



## CELEBRATING STUDENTS

The beginning of each month we have a celebration to recognize students for:

*Perfect Attendance*    *Academics Counts*

*AR Points*    *Respectful Rulers Recognition*

Each month the names of students' who have earned **Perfect Attendance**, for the month, and **Academic Counts Slips** are put into a container for an end of year drawing.

*We will draw on the last day of school for:*

**Perfect Attendance K-3:** One girl's bike and one boy's bike

**Perfect Attendance 4-6:** One girl's bike and one boy's bike

**Academic Counts Jar 1-6:** Mini iPad one boy and one girl.

1. **Perfect Attendance:** The student is in school every day of the month. If an appointment is necessary, which we understand they sometimes are, they will not be marked absent if they are in school before 10:00, or leave after 2:00.
2. **Academics Counts:** Students earn a slip each month if they: Have turned in all their homework each week AND their grades are not below a C (80%).

\*\*This celebration is to promote *Respect and Responsibility*, two of our District wide expectations.

## PLEASE SIGN & RETURN



1. Field Trip Permission Form
2. Free or Reduced Hot Lunch
3. Knight Packs
4. Registration Update
5. Medication Form
6. Home Language Survey
7. Meal Modification Form
8. Opt out of Media Photo Form

## ***Life Skill Challenges***

1<sup>st</sup> quarter: “**Scoops of Kindness**”.

2<sup>nd</sup> quarter: “**Jars of Generosity**”.

3<sup>rd</sup> quarter: “**Reading Month**”

4<sup>th</sup> quarter: “**Bubbling with Effort**”

Each quarter has different incentives, based on what the challenge is. There will be updates in future newsletters of the progress the students are making.



**I can BEE  
KIND**

**by doing things for  
others without expecting  
something in return.**



## ***FIDGET SPINNERS***



*Please keep at home. If the teacher and MTSS team decide a student needs a tool to assist them with an attention problem, the school will purchase and provide the tool or tools needed.*

## **Helpful Educational Home Tips:**

*Attached to each monthly newsletter you will always find “Helpful Hints”. These are ideas for you to do at home that will help your child improve on their educational experience. We want your child’s education to be a partnership between school and home.*



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## ***REMINDER***

*As a reminder, when school is dismissed, students who live in town are encouraged to go home, and **NOT** stay on the playground for recess. The playground is used for **LATE BUS** students. The reason being we have a lot of students waiting for late buses, and teachers supervising just those students.*

***Thank you for your cooperation.***

