

Dakota Prairie Elementary

May 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.*

As I begin to write this last newsletter of the year, I am astonished at how fast the year has gone. I have loved each, and every minute of my job as your new elementary principal. I think I have learned as much as the students did this year!

I want to take this time to thank you all so much for being very supportive, and helping to make my transition to Dakota Prairie as smooth as possible.

As always, I appreciate any feedback. Please feel free to call, email, or stop by my office.

~~Mrs. Jackie Bye



"GROW THE WHOLE CHILD"

Mark Your Calendars

ELEMENTARY SPRING CONCERT

THURSDAY, MAY 4—7:00 PM

DP ELEMENTARY BIG GYM

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**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration**

**Wednesday, May 24—9:30 am**

**DP Elementary Big Gym**

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Kindergarten Graduation—

Thursday, May 25—9:30 am

DP Elementary Big Gym

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**Elementary Book Fair—May 2-5**

**Family Night Before and After Concert**

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Dakota Prairie School District

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TOWN HALL MEETINGS



Thank you very much to all the people who attended our Town Hall Meetings this spring. It was great to hear from stakeholders of the district. We will be doing another round this fall!

See you then!!

Andrew Mondry, High School Principal

Jackie Bye, Elementary Principal

Monthly Celebration



CELEBRATING STUDENTS

The beginning of each month

we have a celebration to recognize students for:

Perfect Attendance AR Points Spotlight on a Student

Pictures are posted on the wall by the office.

We also discuss our Life Skill Goal of the quarter. The 1st quarter our goal was “*Scoops of Kindness*”. The 2nd quarter our goal was “*Jars of Generosity*”. For the 3rd quarter our goal was for reading month, and now our 4th quarter goal is “**Bubbling with Effort**” to coincide with spring testing.

We also encourage students to get their names in the “*Academic Counts Jar*”, twice a month, on the 15th, and 30th. To have their name put in the jar they need to have ALL work turned in AND have all their grades be above 80%.

Each month the names of students’ who earned Perfect Attendance, and Academic Counts 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 K-6: Mini iPad one boy and one girl.

Positive Bus Behavior Raffle Tickets: Students have been earning positive bus tickets for April and May. We will draw for 3 prizes on the last day for that as well. Students gave some ideas for prizes such as summer toys, gift cards, stuffed animals, books, and headphones. It may be a variety of those things.

Parent Involvement Activities



If anyone has any suggestions on Parent Involvement Activities they would like us to implement for next year, we would love your input. Please contact any **Parent Committee Member**, (Mrs. Klefstad, Mrs. Kueber, Mrs. Hultgren or Mrs. Walter, or myself)

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.



This month is a list of great book ideas for the summer!!



May 1-5	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 2-5	Book Fair
May 2	RTI-8:15
May 3	Staff Meeting/PD-PLC with Leveled Reading—8:00
May 4	Elementary Spring Concert—7:00
May 4	Title I Spring Review Meeting—6:00
May 5	Yearbook at Elementary to Take Class Pictures—AM
May 9	School Board in Petersburg—7:00 pm
May 10	Staff Meeting—8:00
May 11	Nelson County Public Health Presentations (2 nd , 4 th , 5 th , 6 th)
May 15	Arbor Day 5 th Grade—12:30-2:30 (Approximately)
May 17	Staff Meeting—Last of the Year
May 18	Leadership Meeting at High School—8:00 am
May 23	2 nd and 3 rd Grade Field Trip to East Grand Forks—Leave at 9:00
May 24	6 th Grade Graduation—9:30
May 25	Kindergarten Graduation—9:30
May 25	Clean Up Day—Elementary—1:00
May 26	Last Day and End of Year Awards