



Dakota Elementary School Newsletter

February 1, 2023

Our vision is to prepare all students to make positive contributions in an ever changing world.

Principal's Message

Greetings! Last week was our 100th day of school and it provided the opportunity for me to reflect on the success of Dakota Elementary School. I believe DES is a great place for students because of the safe environment and focus on academic achievement. I appreciate that we have strong relationships between staff, students and parents. One of my favorite moments each morning is welcoming the students into the school. I love that students enter the school with smiles and an eagerness to get to their classroom. I believe that happiness and productivity are connected. A smile is a great way to start the day.

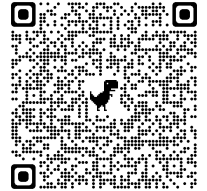
Last week, all parents received an email from the district regarding the Illinois 5 Essentials Survey. Your feedback is important because it allows us to learn about our strengths and opportunities for improvement. According to the survey, if a school demonstrates strength in at least three of the five essentials, they are more likely to show improvements in student learning. Please take a minute to complete the survey. We need at least 20% of DES parents to participate in order to receive results. You can utilize the QR code to access the survey.



100 Days of School

Important Information

- Yearbook order forms are available in the main office or online. The cost is \$20. Please place your order before we reach our print limit.
- We are planning for all 3rd-6th grade students to complete IAR during the week of April 3 and the week of April 10. Please try to avoid missing school on those dates.
- 4th -6th graders will be completing the 5 Essentials student survey beginning February 2. Information was sent home via district email.
- The link to Pre-K screening is located under the elementary school tab on the district's website.
- Kindergarten enrollment will begin on February 8, 2023. The link will be located under the elementary school tab on the district's website.
- We are doing our best to place lost and found items on our website. Click on the elementary school tab and navigate to the lost and found link if your student is missing something.
- Watch for information regarding our next family event- *A Fairytale Ball*. This event will occur during the evening of February 10.
- The 3rd quarter ends on March 3. We are planning to have grades posted on Family Access during the afternoon of March 10.



4th Grade Students Enjoying a Fancy Lunch

Mark Your Calendar

- 2/8 PTO Meeting at 3:30
- 2/10 SIP Day- Early Dismissal
- 2/13 No School