



# DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

DODGELAND ELEMENTARY



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 9 - Elementary Winter Concert  
Grades 5K, 1st, 2nd at 6:30 - Multi-Purpose Room
- December 10 - Elementary Winter Concert  
Grades 3rd, 4th, 5th at 6:30 Multi-Purpose Room
- December 16 - Wear Red & Green
- December 17 - Wear your Favorite Flannel
- December 18 - Dress as your Favorite Holiday Character
- December 19 - Wear your comfy, cozy pajamas
- December 20 - Wear your ugliest holiday sweater or most festive outfit.
- December 23 - January 1 No School

## REMINDERS

- Early release on December 11. Dismissal is at 12:20 and lunch will be served
- Winter break is December 23 - January 1
- School Resumes January 2

## WINTER IS COMING

Winter will be here before we know it. To prepare for this, please make sure that your children have boots, snowpants, a warm coat, mittens/gloves and a hat for school. Our students go outside for recess twice a day as long as the temperature (including wind chill) is above 13 degrees. Recess is much more fun if they are warm and dry. We have a limited number of things available in the Purple Purpose Room. If you need assistance with anything, please let us know.



## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we enter the month of December, I find myself reflecting on the exciting journey we've taken together this school year. It has been a semester filled with learning, growth, and a sense of community that makes our school such a wonderful place to be.

It is a time to recognize the hard work our students have put into their learning and the kindness they have shown to one another. I encourage you to take the time to discuss with your child the various projects and activities they have participated in, as these experiences contribute significantly to their personal and academic growth.

We have several exciting events planned for December, including our Winter Concerts and Dress-Up Days. These events not only showcase our students' talents but also foster a sense of unity within our school community. I invite you to join us in celebrating these moments together.

As we approach the winter break, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your support and involvement in our school. Your partnership is invaluable in creating a nurturing environment for our children to thrive.

I wish you all a joyous holiday season filled with love, laughter, and precious moments with your families. Let's look forward to a new year of continued learning and growth.

Warm wishes,

Mrs. Huelsman



# Make Screen Time Safe and Positive with Common Sense Media!

Common Sense Media has created Family Technology Planners to help you set healthy technology habits for your children.

These planners are designed to spark conversations about screen time, online safety, and digital citizenship. They provide practical tips, activities, and goals to help you and your family make informed choices about technology use.

By working together, you can create a positive and balanced digital experience for your entire family!

The cover for the Age 2-8 Tech Planner is green. It features a yellow arrow pointing down from the top left, a yellow play button icon in a circle at the bottom right, and a yellow smartphone icon in the bottom left corner.

Age 2-8

Age 2-8 Tech Planner

The cover for the Age 9-12 Tech Planner is purple. It features a yellow heart icon in the top left, a yellow pencil icon in the top right, and a yellow Wi-Fi signal icon in the bottom left corner.

Age 9-12

Age 9-12 Tech Planner

The cover for the Age 13+ Tech Planner is blue. It features a yellow smartphone icon in the top right, a yellow play button icon in a circle in the bottom left, and a yellow cloud icon in the bottom right corner.

Age 13+

Age 13+ Tech Planner

[Click here to get started!](#)



## WINTER BRINGS THE COLD/FLU SEASON

We all know how important it is for students to be at school. Missing school affects their learning and can cause anxiety when they return in trying to get caught up. However, when students are ill they should be kept home. Sick children need quiet rest to recuperate. We are unable to provide the down time they need here at school. When they return to school they should be well enough to participate in normal school activities unless a written statement from the physician limits participation.

Below is directly from our Elementary Student/Parent Handbook for your reference:

Keep Your Child Home If He/She Has:

- Fever - A temperature of 100 degrees or more.
- Diarrhea - Increased number (3 or more) of abnormally loose stools in the last twenty-four hours. Abdominal cramping may accompany loose stool.
- Persistent or Uncontrolled Cough - if your child is unable or unwilling to appropriately wipe their own noses or cover uncontrollable cough or sneezing, the child should be kept home to protect others from exposure.
- Vomiting - If your child has vomited during the night or that morning.
- Eye/Nose Drainage - yellow/green thick and draining.
- Sore Throat - Especially when fever, redness, and/or swollen glands in the neck are present.
- Earaches - Especially if history of ear infections exists. If a child has an elevated temperature, is tugging or digging in ear, and/or is sitting holding affected ear in hands.
- Appearance/Behavior - child looks or is acting differently than usual, unusually tired, pale, lacking appetite, or is irritable, whiney.
- On antibiotics less than 24 hours.

When children become ill at school they report to the nurse's office. If any of the above listed conditions are present, office personnel will contact parents, guardians or their designees if the child is too ill to remain at school. Ill children should be picked up promptly once the contact person has been notified. The school does not have the capability to keep ill children at school. If the parent/guardian is not available, the contact person listed on the Emergency Card will be notified. At least one of the persons listed on the Emergency Card should live within a 15-mile radius of the Dodgeland Schools and have transportation resources, in case they are called upon to pick up an ill child. Please keep the Emergency Card information up to date!

Any student that is picked up early from school due to illness must stay home from school the following school day unless it is a Friday. This day is medically excused by the school nurse. Any student absent from school may not participate in extracurricular activities that day or evening as well.

## PARENT TIPS TO TRY TO KEEP YOUR CHILD HEALTHY

- Maintain a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Ensure students eat a good breakfast every morning, or encourage them to eat breakfast at school.
- Stress hand washing, particularly before and after eating, and after using the bathroom.
- Reinforce the importance of avoiding close contact with individuals who are sick, and not sharing cups and/or utensils with others.
- Encourage them to eat healthy foods and drink plenty of water.





## ARE YOU GETTING MESSAGES FROM THE SCHOOL?

We continue to utilize an automated system, Bright Arrow, to send out mass phone calls, text messages and emails to our families. When parents aren't receiving this information, we often find the following:

- Emails are going to your email address, but are going to spam/junk. These emails may come from the email address of a school administrator (i.e. [johnsonj@dodgeland.k12.wi.us](mailto:johnsonj@dodgeland.k12.wi.us), [modaff@dodgeland.k12.wi.us](mailto:modaff@dodgeland.k12.wi.us), [huelsman@dodgeland.k12.wi.us](mailto:huelsman@dodgeland.k12.wi.us), [gischia@dodgeland.k12.wi.us](mailto:gischia@dodgeland.k12.wi.us) or from [johnsonjen@dodgeland.k12.wi.us](mailto:johnsonjen@dodgeland.k12.wi.us) )

Please mark this as "not junk" so you aren't missing out on future emails.

- The email address or cell phone number is not accurate in Powerschool. Please make sure to communicate with the office if any changes need to be made during the school year.
- If you did not "Opt In" to the original text message from school then your phone will never receive a text message from us. But you can change this now by simply texting the message of "YES" to the phone number 87569.

## MATH TIP

### Math Tip of the Month - December

Happy Holidays! Are you looking for some activities to keep your mathematician busy during the break? Check out these two FREE sites. From game ideas to real world stories and thinking prompts, you'll find something for all ages.

<https://mathathome.mathlearningcenter.org/> supports our math curriculum, Bridges in Mathematics. Just click on your grade level and enjoy games and activities to promote mathematical thinking.

Also, check out <https://bedtimemath.org/> or download the app. Pick a topic from their Daily Math tab and get your math brain fired up.

Are you going "over the river, and through the woods" for a long car ride? Try a game of "I have, you need..." from mathematician Pam Harris. From young to old this game gets those math juices flowing.

#### I Have, You Need Directions

Set a target number ( 5, 10, 20, 100, or 1,000. Even 1 could be a target if you do fractions or decimals!).

Say, "For a total of 100, I have 92, you need...". Or, "For a total of 1, I have .09, you need..."

Give brief think time. Then your mathematician should respond, "8" or ".91" for example.

Start with easier combinations like multiples of 10, gradually choosing more challenging numbers.

Have fun while increasing your flexibility, mental math skills, number sense, and place value all in one game!



# DECEMBER 2024

## Dodgeland Elementary School

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4 Work Out Wednesday 	5	6 Purple Pride Day 
9 Elementary Winter Concert Grades: 5K-1-2 @6:30pm in the Multi-Purpose Room 	10 Elementary Winter Concert Grades: 3-4-5 @6:30pm in the Multi-Purpose Room 	11 Work Out Wednesday  Students Early Release Day - Lunch Served Elementary Dismissal Time 12:20 pm	12	13 Purple Pride Day 
16 Merry Monday! Wear Red & Green 	17 Timber Tuesday  Dress like a lumberjack. Wear your favorite flannel.	18 Holiday Character  Dress as your favorite Holiday Character (Santa, Grinch, Buddy, Rudolph, etc)	19 Wake Up and Go  Wear your comfy cozy pajamas.	20 Festive Friday!  Wear your ugliest holiday sweater or most festive outfit
23 NO SCHOOL Winter Break 	24 NO SCHOOL Winter Break 	25 NO SCHOOL Winter Break 	26 NO SCHOOL Winter Break 	27 NO SCHOOL Winter Break 
30 NO SCHOOL Winter Break 	31 NO SCHOOL Winter Break 	1 HAPPY NEW YEAR NO SCHOOL	2 **Return to School**	3



# CHRISTMAS CRAFT PROGRAM



## Create Memories with Handmade Crafts and Joy

Date: Wednesday, December 18th

Time: 3:15pm-4:15pm

Age: 1st-3rd Grade

Fee: \$5 Resident

\$15 Non-Resident

Join the Emerald Clovers at the community center for a Christmas Craft program. Participants will make two or more crafts to take home. Please register by Friday, December 13th!

REGISTER AT

[TEAMSIDELINE.COM/SITES/JUNEAUWI](https://teamsideline.com/sites/juneauwi)