Dilworth News for the week of Nov. 16, 2020

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Nov. 25, 26, 27... Thanksgiving Break

Principal's Message

Dilworth Family,

As we close in on this Thanksgiving season, I wanted to take a minute and express my thanks for blessings I feel. I feel blessed to be able to work with a staff that is so hard working and cares about students as much as those working here at Dilworth. As the year progresses and we continue virtually, it would be easy to give up a little with how hard this type of teaching is, but they have not. They continue to give their best for students. I feel grateful that we are able to hold classes virtually. A few years ago I am not sure this would have been possible. They have worked tirelessly through the summer to learn new technology platforms to deliver their instruction. Even though it is less than ideal, students are still able to meet with their teacher and learn. That is amazing! I am also extremely grateful for this community that has allowed me in, worked with me and supported this school!

As the pandemic continues with still just a small light at the end, it is easy to get discouraged. That discouragement will grow unless countered. To counter it I recommend that each of you actively make a list of all you are thankful for this year. Include in that list the things you are thankful for educationally for your kids. Have your kids make a list, too. It truly is therapeutic and gets one thinking of all the positives in life. Together we will learn and grow and teach these children that in hard times we can pull together, overcome and finish stronger. Kind regards,

Richard Squire, Principal Felicia Wood, Assistant Principal Dilworth Elementary 801-481-4806

PTA NEWS

Reflections

We are excited to let our great Dilworth community know that Reflections is still happening this year! Be creative and work quickly because we will be accepting entries through *Tues., Nov.* 24, which is only a week from tomorrow. This year's theme is **"I Matter Because..."** Information packets will be available by the school office beginning today, Nov.16. Any questions or concerns can be directed to our Reflections Chair, Amanda Casey. You can email her at caseyamanda84@gmail.com or call 801-833-8324.

Thankful Thursday

Despite all the frustrations right now, we have so much to be thankful for. Dilworth PTA will be kicking off "Thankful Thursday" this Thursday on our Instagram page with weekly ideas for how to show some gratitude between now and Winter Break. We hope you'll join us in spreading some love.

November 19 - Thank your teacher

November 26 - Thank your home support

December 3 - Thank a previous teacher

December 10 - Thank a classmate

December 17 - Thank your school support staff

LIBRARY NEWS

Mrs. Park will be meeting with 4th Grade and First Grade this week.

On Wednesday, November 18, <u>BATTLE of the Books</u> will be at 1:00 p.m. The discussion will be on: <u>Caterpillar Summer, This Was Our Pact, SWEEP</u>, and <u>Because of Rabbit</u>.

This week's Library Lesson is all about using your imagination to design, create, and *EXPLORE!* *Please turn in all Library books checked out *before October 15th* placing them on the

RETURN Cart on Wednesdays. Thank you!

**No more than 5 total books checked out to one student at a time.

***When your HOLD book is available, Mrs. Park will contact you via email &/Or message in Canvas.

****Students are now able to access Destiny Library inside their Library Course on their Dashboard in Canvas to place a HOLD.

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COUNSELOR'S CORNER

We're excited to be doing Helping Hands this year, with a bit of a new approach. Beginning, Wednesday, November 11th, we will start accepting donations for Helping Hands! Families, who are in a position to do so, may begin dropping donations in the grade level bins (like last year) that will be placed outside the front of the school each Wednesday until Winter Break. Blank mittens will be available by each grade's bin for you to take for your student(s) to decorate. After they have been decorated, you may bring the mittens back to the school or send a picture to me directly, and I will assemble them in a collage format on the Counseling Corner Canvas page. This collage will act as our virtual Helping Hands display that usually fills our hallways.

This year we will be gathering donations for both Highland High and Dilworth as we are facing a community need that is much vaster than in previous years. Additionally, we are encouraging you to donate any cleaning, hygiene, or personal protective equipment that you can, in addition to, or in place of, donations of food. We also recognize that there are Dilworth families who can benefit from our donations, as well; therefore, on Wednesday, December 16th, in addition to still accepting donations, we will have food boxes available for our Dilworth families. More information on pick up will be provided in future emails, but if you or your family are in need, you will have the option to simply drive up and collect a food box for your family prior to the two-week Winter Break. Specific needs include the following:

School Supplies:

- · Pencils
- · Paper
- Binders
- Hygiene Supplies:
- Shampoo
- · Deodorant
- · Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- · Bar Soap

Pantry Supplies (Most Needed):

- \cdot 3lb. bags of flour
- \cdot 3lb bags of sugar
- \cdot 3lb bags of masa
- \cdot Small containers of rice
- \cdot Cooking oil (including olive, and canola oil)
- · Peanut Butter
- \cdot Tuna/Chicken
- \cdot Canned Fruit
- · Cereal
- · Granola Bars
- · Pasta
- · Pasta Sauce
- \cdot Apple Sauce
- \cdot Instant soups (such as ramen)
- \cdot Pasta mixes (made into a meal with milk or water)
- \cdot Basmati, jasmine, brown and black rice

- · Quinoa
- \cdot Whole wheat tortillas
- \cdot Whole corn tortillas
- \cdot Whole grain grits
- \cdot Whole grain biscuit mix
- · Snack crackers
- \cdot Sandwich type crackers with cheese or peanut

butter

- · Matzo crackers
- \cdot Snack bars
- · Fruit snacks
- · Pop tarts
- · Oatmeal
- \cdot Canned beans
- \cdot Canned tomatoes and other vegetables
- \cdot Juice boxes and shelf stable milk
- \cdot Any microwave easy food
- Misc. Items:
- \cdot Gently used clothes
- \cdot Gift Cards (any amount is appreciated)
- Personal Protective Equipment:
- \cdot Reusable or disposable masks
- \cdot Cleaning supplies (Lysol wipes, hand sanitizer, etc.)
- \cdot Nitrile Gloves
- *Items are not limited to this list. Any food items will be accepted and are much appreciated!

Thank you for lending a helping hand to Dilworth Elementary and the Highland Food Pantry!