November 4, 2026

VOLUNTEERS: Are you interested in Volunteering this Year? Please attend one of the following orientation meetings. You must complete a volunteer orientation before volunteering in a classroom or chaperoning a field trip. **Please note that if you have attended an orientation in the past, you do not have to attend again. Each orientation will begin at 8:15 am in room 114.**

Visitor/Volunteer Orientation Dates:
Tuesday, November 17, 2026 at 8:15 AM
Monday, February 8, 2027 at 8:15 AM
Thursday, March 18, 2027 at 8:15 AM

STUFF THE BUS: This week, we are participating in the Stuff the Bus Thanksgiving Food Drive until November 6th. We are collecting non-perishable food donations to support Delawareans in need of food assistance.

ATTENDANCE NOTES: When you have a student that will be absent, please email an absence note to the following address for Dover Air Base Middle students: DABM_Attendance@cr.k12.de.us
Welch students: WEL_Attendance@cr.k12.de.us. Please include your child's full name, teacher's name, and grade level as well as the reason for the absence in the note. It is the responsibility of the person in control of a child to send a note to school no later than 3 days following the student's return from an absence describing the reason for the absence. Any accumulated absences totaling more than 14 days per school year will be considered an unexcused absence. Attendance requests may also be submitted in the parent portal.

SCHOOL CHOICE: The 2027-2028 School Choice open enrollment window is now open and closes Wednesday, January 13, 2027. Apply online at www.schoolchoicede.org If your student is currently a choice student in Kindergarten, fifth grade or eight grade, you are **required** to reapply for School Choice during the states open enrollment. If your current student is not in those grades mentioned, you do not have to reapply for School Choice. If you live in the district and have a student that will be attending Kindergarten, you do not have to apply for School Choice. If you live outside of the district and will be applying for kindergarten, you must pre enroll your student at your school of residency prior to applying for School Choice. To be eligible to apply for School Choice at one of the Air Base Campus schools, you must either be active-duty military or be a civilian worker at Dover Air Force Base with a current SF50.

HALF DAY: Friday is a half day of school. Dismissal will be at 11:30 AM. Students will take their regular modes of transportation home unless other arrangements are made in advance.

BOOK FAIR: The Welch Book Fair will be starting November 16. If you are a Welch volunteer interested in helping students shop, please contact Mrs. Crist. More book fair info will be coming home today.

DINE TO DONATE: Mark your calendars for November 16th! Veronica's Pizza is hosting a dine to donate for Welch PTA from 4-8 PM.

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS: Middle school students may carry a gym bag for gym class only. All other bookbags, purses, satchels, fanny packs, etc. must be left in the student's locker.

PLEASE TURN OVER

DEPLOYMENT GROUP: If you would like your child supported in a Deployment Group when a caregiver is away, please contact your child's teacher or the MFLC directly at 302-605-2366 for a permission slip. The MFLC is also available for other support or concerns as needed.

MOVING OFF BASE: If you have moved out of base housing, you must enroll your child in your new school as soon as possible. If you have moved off base housing and would like your child to still attend school at the Dover Air Base Campus please reach out to our office regarding applying for school choice.

SECURITY: For security reasons ALL visitors must report to the main office door to gain access to the building. There is a buzzer for the main office located on the right side of the main school entrance for
you to communicate with the office to gain access. Please get in the habit of bringing your driver's 98413license with you when entering the school for identification.

SPIRIT WEAR: Welch Spirit wear is available for purchase all year long! Go to http://www.welch.spiritweardirect.com to order!

SAVE THE DATE

November 4th	EcoTeam Meeting @ 2:40-3:40 PM
November 5th	8th Grade SS DeSSA Testing
November 6th	8th Grade SS DeSSA Make Up Testing
November 6th	Half Day; Dismissal @ 11:30 AM
November 6th	Marking Period 1 Ends
November 9th	6th Grade SS DeSSA Testing
November 9th	3rd Grade Field trip to Herr's Potato Chip Factory @ 8:30 AM to 2 PM
November 9th	Marking Period 2 Begins
November 10th	Board of Education Meeting @ Robinson
November 10th	Veteran's Day Assemblies (both schools at the same time) @ 8;30 AM
November 11th	No School
November 12th	Balloons Over Hawthorne @ 8 AM
November 12th	6th Grade SS DeSSA Make Up Testing
November 12th	Middle School Math League After School
November 13th	HERO Coining Ceremony (K-2 @ 8AM; 3-5 @ 9AM)
November 13th	Anchored 4Life Bingo Night @ 6 PM
November 15th	Elementary Chorus Performs at UD Basketball Game @ 1 PM
November 16th-23rd	Elementary Book Fair
November 16th-20th	Spirit Week
November 16th-20th	Third Grade Common Assessment
November 16th-17th	4th Grade SS DeSSA Make Up Testing
November 16th	Picture Retake Day
November 16th	PTA Dine Out and Donate at Veronica's @ 4-8 PM
November 17th	Volunteer Orientation
November 17th	PTO Meeting @ 2:45 PM
November 18th	Report Cards Issued
November 19th	PTA Meeting
November 20th	Middle School Dance @ 6-8 PM
November 21st	All State Chorus Audition
November 23rd	Half Day; Dismissal @ 11:30 AM
November 23rd	Evening Conferences @ 2-8 PM
November 24th	Half Day; Dismissal @ 11:30 AM
November 25th-27th	School Closed
November 30th-December 4th	Middle School Book Fair
December 1st	PTO Dine Out and Donate @ Camden Chic-Fil-A
December 3rd	Middle School Math League After School