



### **Upcoming School Events**

- Fourth Grade Trip to Blackwood Arts Sept. 14
- PTO Meeting is September 15 at 6:30 pm
- Progress reports will be available on Friday, September 24
- Picture Day is September 25
- Fire Prevention Assembly on October 9
- No School for Students on October 12
- Virtual PTO Meeting is on October 20
- Title I Fall Family Engagement Event on Thursday, October 22, 5-6:30 pm
- Red Ribbon Spirit Week during the week of October 26
- Evacuation Drill during the week of October 26
- End of First Nine Weeks Reporting Period is October 27
- Classroom Halloween Parties will be held in the afternoon on Friday, October 30
- 1st Nine Weeks Report Card will be available on Tuesday, November 3



### **School Wide Positive Behavior Assembly**

Our School Wide Positive Behavior (SWPB) team led a SWPB Rule Review Day on September 3. Our 4th-6th grade students taught school rules to students in 1st-3rd grade. This year the team is being led by 3 teachers: Mrs. Jennifer Beachem, Mrs. Kelly Beatty, and Mr. Chad Dillon.

### **Parent Teacher Organization Meetings**

The first PTO Meeting will take place virtually and in-person on Tuesday, September 15th at 6:30pm. We encourage you to take this opportunity to get involved in your child's education. A ParentSquare message will be sent out by the PTO Officers with a link to the Google Meet on September 15th. If you can't make the first meeting, the second meeting will be held Tuesday, October 20th at 6:30pm. Additionally, the Annual Title I Family Presentation will be held during this meeting.

### **SEL Special Classes**

Dassa McKinney Elementary School will continue to provide Social Emotional Learning (SEL) classes. However, this will be taught as a special class to students in kindergarten through third grade, rather than as a career class to grades 4 through 6. These SEL lessons are designed to help our students develop important skills they can use at school, at home, and throughout their lives. This class will be taught by our Specialists' teachers on Fridays. SEL focuses on helping children understand and manage their emotions, build positive relationships, show empathy, make responsible choices, and develop confidence and resilience. This special class will provide students with a supportive and age-appropriate environment where they can practice these skills through discussion, activities, games, and real-life situations. Students will not be graded in this special class.

Additionally, Kindergarten through sixth grade teachers will be exploring resources from the Character Strong LoHi Toolkit supplemental resources to provide at least 25 minutes of instruction weekly in their classes.



### **Skyward Parent and Family Access**

Did you know you can access your child's attendance information, grades and report cards in Skyward? If you have any questions or need assistance logging in, please contact the Dassa office for help. The first nine weeks progress report grades for students in grades 3-6 will be available on September 24th at 4:00 pm in Skyward Family Access. Kindergarten through Second Grade Progress Reports will be sent home on paper. The first nine weeks Report Cards will be available on November 3rd at 4:00 pm. Grades will be unavailable from Tuesday, October 27 through Tuesday, November 3 for teachers to work on grade entry.

### **Family Challenge**

Go on a nature walk and look for signs of fall!

