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PE- Friday this week

Welcome

We made it through our first week! Your children have been amazing! Thank you for sending back all of your paperwork. I know it's a lot in the first week. The children are working to acclimate themselves to the new environment. Lots of new faces and children working to make connections.

Elections

This week the children will be required to participate in our USJ election. They may choose to run for one of the following offices: mayor (1), City Council (6), Park Commissioner (1), Park Board (4). These government officials will have weekly lunch meeting to plan for the USJ community as well as the DRES Eagles United. Students have already declared their candidacy and now it is time for campaigning. I am very hopeful for the future of USJ. **Happy Campaigning!!!**

On Monday we will have a small debate. Tuesday they will give campaign speeches and Wednesday the election will take place. Student may create posters, 1 per child, and campaign in any manner they choose as long as it is a positive only campaign. Students can make buttons and other items / incentives to campaign. They are not allowed to put down other candidates. This will be a very exciting week. The speeches that the students write will be placed in their writing portfolio as a 1st quarter writing sample. I will give them a guide to help them format their speech. They will be allowed to work on them at home because they will want to practice and prepare to give their speech.

**I have done this for over 20 years. I am very excited to report that this year the entire 5th grade will be having Community. The leaders will have weekly meetings like Senate & House Committees and then they will go back and hold Community meetings. This is going to be a great year!

Math

In math, we learned about line graphs, created data tables, and wrote about math, using specific vocabulary.

They also learned about stem and leaf graphs. I use stem and leaf graphs in my newsletters to help you see how your child is performing with their

peers in math. I have told the children that they are to explain to you how to read the graph.

Friday Math Test	
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4	
3	000
2	
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Students may rework any missed problem on a separate sheet of paper for full credit.

They must write an explanation as to why they made the error for each problem. I look very favorably upon those that redo work they have made error on.

Agenda

Our Agenda Covers have been designed and students will be receiving their USJ agenda's this week. The weekly science vocabulary is in the agenda as well as a few other assignments. Students will be required to fill out their agenda as part of morning work. Later this week I will start taking photos for Dojo showing that the Agenda was filled out by the children in the photo. I will also do this for Morning Work Math and Science Vocabulary. This will help you have conversations with your child about why they were not in a particular photo. It is my hope to be taking full class photos every day.



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Science

In science, we learned how traits are inherited and learned, and how they are shared throughout the generations. We did several activities including Inventory of Traits, Gingerbread Generations and Dog DNA. The children enjoyed these activities.



Students will take a **cumulative** vocabulary test each Friday. Because we have revamped our science and students will be changing classes beginning the 3rd week of school our Vocabulary test will not start this week, but next week. The tests vary in length each week based on the

content. Next week it will have 9 words, by the 3rd week we have 29 words and so on throughout the year. Once we hit 40 words I give all children who score a 100% on the cumulative review test a Hershey's Bar. I will be asking for donations soon. Here is the link to the Science vocabulary Quizlet for 1st weeks Science Vocabulary Test. This will help your child prepare for the test.

[Quizlet week 1](#)

You can find these links on my homework page on the USJ website. I do need to reorganize because some of the weeks are not in the correct order, but I will have that straightened out as we go.

Class/Grade Level Shirt

We have decided to extend the T-Shirt design contest till next Friday 9th. This will give more time to create the shirts. The parameters of the competition-

- Designed on white shirt – Design will be on the back.
- Students can only use 3 colors
- Prefer that it is designed on the computer, but will take hand drawings as long as they meet the other criterion. (Hand drawing will then be altered a bit to be computerized for printing)
- Due August 9th
- Must Include either Eagles United or DRES Eagles United or some version of this for the backs of the shirts.

Each teacher based on the winning back will create a pocket logo for their specific classroom. Mine is USJ! Students will be wearing the shirt weekly. This shirt will be a place to earn awards when students have behaved well, worked hard, or read a lot. Student government will have input on the shirt award system as well. As soon as all money is collected I can submit the order. **The cost of the shirt will be \$13.00.** If you are sending a check please make it out to DRES. **If you are able to send in to addition moneys to cover a child in need it would be greatly appreciated.**

Class DoJo

I am still waiting for 2 parents to sign up for Dojo. My goal would be for all parents to be attached this

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coming week so I can communicate efficiently. Most of you have already received an e-mail asking you to join Class DoJo. It is basically a class behavior system as well as Facebook for our class alone. Some spectacular things could be shared with the school as well. It will allow me to send photos out to you to let you know what we are doing in class as we do it. You can comment on the things they are doing as well. It also lets you keep up with the conduct of your child. It signals you each time your child is rewarded a point. It will let you know they have not turned in their homework. This is also an excellent translation tool for parents who are more comfortable in their native language.

Recess

One day a week we will be doing Track and Field Events where the children will be running or doing other timed/measured events. They need to have proper clothing/shoes to do these activities. Flip Flops are not appropriate for running laps. If it is too hot to do the activity, we will postpone it until the weather cooperates. I will let the kids know when we will be running the events. Please Note that I will be discussing a different recess option with the children this week. I will let the children decide and design the possible multiple recess options that could help break our day up a bit more.

Spaghetti Lunch

The first invention that students are to create is a device to eat spaghetti with other than the everyday utensils. We will be eating our lunch on Friday September 6th. We are in need of a parent to organize the lunch and parents to cook & donate the spaghetti meal for the children. I am very excited to see the creative genius of this group of children. Suggestion: Wear something that spaghetti stains won't show or wear a bib! Please let me know if you can help organize the Spaghetti Lunch. I want to make sure everything is set for this event so I don't have to worry about it.

Clubs

Club Friday was a hit! Students played in a kickball tournament, went to an art club, played board and card games, and a few went to study hall. Next week, behavior will be part of

the expectation for participating in Club Friday. Be sure to sign the homework page as well. Students are expected to read 30 minutes each night and complete one column of math each night. The homework sheet has 2 sides that are required to be filled out and parents signature must be included to participate in Club Friday. We are planning on making this a very fluid and flexible club. **If you want to help us just let us know what week you want to run some sort of activity, and the parameters of your activity.** You might have supplies for only 10 kids so your group might be limited to 10 participants. If we do this week by week I think more parents/ grandparents and community members would be willing to help!

Job Fair

I am in great need of someone to help organize the Job Fair. This will be the largest Job Fair we have done at DRES. I think we will be getting several parents from each of the classes to form a committee to make it successful. The Job Fair will be September 20th. What the Organizers will be doing is getting Volunteers to come to the school that day to Interview children for the positions they are interviewing for. We will also need help at the Job Fair- making sure that the interviewers have children to interview at all times to keep things moving. We are also going to need to figure out a system so that positions are filled for each class. Please let me know if you can help!

Example:

Real Police Officers - Interview children who want to be the class police officers.

Real Veterinarian - interview children who want to be the class veterinarian.

**We have a list of jobs that we will need for the Fair. Parents can volunteer to help with the interview process as well.

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NEEDED

Amazon Wish List

- Cans of Soda - Math Tests
- Hershey's Bars – for Science Tests
- [Crickets for reptiles](#) – would love this once a month for the critters.
- [Tunnels for Digestive System Relay](#) (I need these by next week) If I have not heard that anyone is going to help I will place order this Thursday because I need for Tuesday of the following week. I need 2.



Up Coming Events

- **August 5th – Election Debates**
- **August 6th – Election Speeches**
- **August 7th – Election**
- **August 9th – Election Results Announced**
- **August 2nd – T-Shirt Design Contest**
- September 2nd – Labor Day No School
- September 5th – Spaghetti Inventions Due
- September 6th – Spaghetti Lunch 1:15
- September 20th – Job Fair
- September 27th – Track Out Day

**Please note that I update this list weekly. There are many tests not listed yet, because I am not exactly sure where they will fall until we get closer to the date. * Every Friday we have a math 4-Today Test & a Science vocabulary test. I do not list this routine type of testing in the upcoming events.*

Big Wishes

70" Smart TV and installation –

I don't care what brand as long as it works. I was told 70 " or larger is what we need. 5th grade has been told that if we get one- since district won't purchase that it will be at a minimum of 2-5 years.

