

NOVEMBER 2016

Mark your calendars

Nov 1: SkateDaze from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Nov 16: Nurse Screenings from 8:00-11:00 a.m.

Nov 18: Wee Screenings from 8:00-12:00 p.m. @ the
Early Childhood Education Center
PTSA movie night @ 7:00 p.m. "Finding Dory"

Nov 22: Hat & Gum Day

Nov 23-25: NO SCHOOL-Thanksgiving Break

Nov 29: Kindergarten train visit



From the Office: As the weather starts to turn colder, students need to be properly dressed to stand in line outside in the morning and for outdoor recess. It is important that they know how to snap, button, or zip their coats. **Please make sure all coats, gloves, hats, and boots are labeled with the child's name.** This time of year the Lost and Found box starts to fill up quickly with jackets, sweatshirts, etc. You may want to stop by and check for any items your child may be missing. The Lost and Found is located in the elementary cafeteria.

PTSA- Our Elementary Fundraiser was a huge success! Thanks to all the parents, grandparents, families, and friends who pledged. We earned a grand total of \$27,000, which allowed us to donate 60 meals to families in need in Omaha. That will also pay for two new iPad carts, and more. Your support is greatly appreciated! Also a big THANK YOU goes out to Amanda Wright & Carmen Imm for organizing everything and putting this amazing event on for our school!



**DC WEST
ELEMENTARY**

Mr. Duane Krusemark
Principal

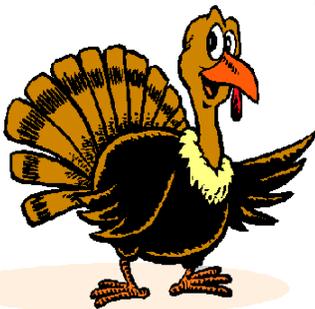
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Caught Caring Winners:

Congratulations to the following students who got "caught caring" during the month of October: Bella Getsfred, Scarlet Gillespie, Lucas Tornow, Kaydin Ward, Trey Lenhart, Trenton Denison, Tabby Powell, Casey Dembinski, Nathan Callahan, Mikayla Cappello, Eva Hert, Ava Schneider, Isabella McGavren, Alex Phillips, Madison Walker, Mit Patel, Payton Burton, Carleigh Dembinski. These students were treated to lunch from Casey's Pizza with Mr. Krusemark for making good choices and being responsible, respectful, and safe. Mrs. Stratman, Mrs. Travis, and Mrs. Grimm were also recognized for their work with students and being supportive of fellow staff members. Good job and keep up the good work everyone!

HYVEE RECEIPTS

We want to take this opportunity to thank all of you that have done such a great job turning in your Hy-Vee receipts. The total amount of receipts for September was \$2,669.83. That gives \$13.35 back to our school

Please remember when shopping at Hy-Vee to save your receipts and either turn them in at the Maple Street Hy-Vee Store or to your classroom teacher.



TIPS FOR GETTING CHILD TO SCHOOL

Does your child give you a hard time about coming to school? Does your child say, "I don't want to go to school" or take too long getting ready in the morning? It's a common problem! Here are some tips to help curb the bad habit before it turns into a serious concern.

§First, make sure you understand the importance of your child being at school on time every day. Even a few tardies really add up! Say your child is only 10 minutes late each school day. Not a big deal right? Well, that adds up to 1,750 minutes = almost 30 hours of school missed in one year! THAT IS A BIG DEAL!

§Determine any school or home issues that are preventing your child from coming to school. Are they prepared? Do they connect with their teacher? Do they feel safe at school? Communicate with your child's teacher, school counselor, or principal to help your child feel better about coming to school.

§Make it a priority to get your child to school on time. Do not make or accept any excuses! If you or your child is constantly rushing to get out the door, everyone needs to get up at least 15 minutes earlier. Rushing is not a good way to start the day.

§Routines are key. Bedtime should be consistent to assure enough rest. Most elementary aged children need between 8-10 hours. Adults should set the bedtime.

With a few tweeks to your child's daily routine, it should be smoother sailing from here on out!