

Pioneer Slate

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December 9, 2019

I hope that you had a wonderful Thanksgiving with a good meal and the opportunity to spend time with family and friends. In a couple of weeks, we will begin the Christmas break and I wish each of you the very best of the season. With December comes some annual traditions at Sevastopol – the first being the holiday concerts which we are looking forward to with anticipation, the second is the conclusion of our food drive. With the generosity of this community we were able to touch the lives of twenty families last year. I hope that we can do the same this year – there is a full week left in the annual drive (details are in the newsletter on how to donate). Thank you in advance.

Upcoming Events / Dates to Remember:

Friday, December 13 – Food drive concludes

Thursday, December 19 – 12:00 PM Senior Citizen Winter Concert by 2nd-5th Grades– Elementary Gym

Thursday, December 19 – 2:00 PM Winter Concert by 4K – 1st Grade – Elementary Gym

Thursday, December 19 – 6:00 PM Winter Concert by 2nd – 5th Grades – Elementary Gym

Friday, December 20 – Last day of classes before the winter break

Thursday, January 2 – Classes resume

Other Notes

Weather: As temperatures have dropped with winter approaching, we are sending this reminder to encourage parents and students to be prepared for the weather.



Sevastopol elementary students typically have a 30-minute lunchtime recess and an additional 15-20 minute afternoon recess. Students may also be outside for occasional physical education classes.

For the safety and well-being of your child, we would like to provide you with our guidelines and expectations regarding cold weather.

Indoor Recess: Per school policy, if the air temperature is below zero, students will stay inside. If the air temperature is above zero and the wind chill is colder than -10 degrees, students will stay inside.

Hats, Gloves, and Coats: Students are expected to have adequate protection from the cold by wearing hats, gloves, and coats. Please label your child's items to help prevent lost clothing going to the “lost and found”.

Boots and Snow Pants Policy: When snow is present, students in grades 3-5 must have boots and snow pants in order to play outside of the blacktop. Students in 4k-2 are asked to wear snow pants and boots whether snow is present or not due to freezing temperatures.

Donations: If you have extra winter accessories that you would like to donate for students who may not have items to wear on a given day, donations are accepted and appreciated.



Lost & Found: The lost and found table is getting rather full. If you have a moment feel free to check it out (across from the district office on 2nd floor) or encourage your child(ren) to walk by and see if there is anything that is recognized.

Long-Term Sub: Mr. Frank will be out until later in January recovering from knee surgery. We wish him well and would like to welcome Mr. Chris Irwin who will be filling in for him during that time.



Spelling Bee & Geography Bee: We are excited to again be participating in both nationwide bees. The typical process is for there to be classroom level contests with winners advancing to a school-wide bee. From there students advance to regionals where they represent our school. The school-wide level should take place in January. Watch your child(ren)'s upcoming classroom newsletters for details.

Concerts:

Our 4K-1st grade students have prepared a short concert of favorite classroom songs for the season and would like to share them with you! They will perform at 2PM on Thursday, December 19th in the Elementary School gym.



Sibling dismissal: *If you would like a sibling to be able to watch the 4K-1st concert, please provide the office a note giving permission for them to do so.*

Post-Concert Dismissal: *Students will be allowed to leave with their parent/grandparent/guardian once the concert is completed directly from the gym.*

The 2nd-5th grade music students have been preparing for their winter concert (The Nutcracker) and are excited to share all that they have learned! They will perform on Thursday, December 19th at 6pm in the Sevastopol Elementary gym. They will also perform at 12pm on the 19th for a special Senior Citizen Performance at our school.

More information should be in your child(ren)'s homeroom newsletter. For both concerts, please have your student wear bright colors and jeans or slacks. Girls may wear dresses or skirts if desired. Please no ripped jeans, sweatshirts, or sweatpants. Thank you.



Parent Café: Parent Cafés give parents a chance to come together, listen, talk and build friendships and support each other around topics of parenting. More information can be found here: <https://doorcountyparents.com/event/sturgeon-bay-parent-cafe-2/>

Microwave: If your child uses a microwave to re-heat meals at school, please be sure to send them with something to put the food on/in when reheating it.



Free Book(s): Dolly Parton (yes, the singer) recognizes the power of getting children to read – so much so that her foundation provides free books to children under the age of 5 – 1 per month up until the child's 5th birthday! All you need to do is sign up: <https://doorcountyparents.com/dpil-PRE-REGISTRATION-SURVEY/>



Building on the goal of social responsibility, we will have a theme to carry throughout the 2019-2020 school year. It is “Sevastopol – A Community of Caring” and will encompass so many things that we will be doing both within the school and the greater community. One area of focus is service each month. Each grade level will champion a different cause. Our first graders assisted with collecting items for military personnel. A nice letter was shared with the school regarding this effort.

I wanted to say “THANK YOU” to you and the entire First Grade class as well as the teachers and parents for taking the time to set up a collection of items for our local troops that are serving in the military. Your support of our troops and this program means the world to all those involved.

I love it that the First Grade class decided to take up our local troops as their school project for the year. I hope that some of the troops take the time to write back to the class to let them know how grateful they are for the items that were collected.

Please pass on my thanks to the two young ladies that helped me pack the boxes as well as all those who donated and participated in the collection drive. It was a job well done and everything you collected will be sent to the troops for Christmas.

Sincerely,
Nancy Hutchinson
Adopt-a-Soldier Program Director

Sevastopol School District Exceeds Expectations on State Accountability Report Cards:



The Sevastopol School District exceeds expectations as defined in the Accountability Report Cards released by the Wisconsin Department of Instruction.

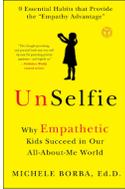
“We are pleased the district meets this measure as defined by the state report cards,” said Kyle Leudtke, Sevastopol Superintendent. “We are committed to continuous growth in learning for all students and we look forward to using the data to improve instruction.”

Reports for the District and each school are available on the Wisconsin Department of Instruction website <https://wisedash.dpi.wi.gov/Dashboard/portalHome.jsp>

School	Grades	Rating (out of 100)	Rating Descriptor
Sevastopol School District	4K-12	81.1	Exceeds Expectations
Sevastopol Elementary School	K-5	81.9	Exceeds Expectations
Sevastopol Middle School	6-8	97.7	Significantly Exceeds Expectations
Sevastopol High School	9-12	74.1	Exceeds Expectations

Resources links: <https://dpi.wi.gov/accountability/resources>

List of Educational Options: <https://apps6.dpi.wi.gov/SchoolDirectory/PublicSchools/PublicSchools>



Christmas Gift Idea? A relatively quick read that our staff is using for a book study is *UnSelfie* by Michele Borba. This book delves into the research that shows that children are becoming less and less empathetic over the generations and offers some very practical ways to turn that around. While there are tips that teachers can use it is written with parents in mind. You may want to ask to have this added to your Christmas wish list.

DOOR COUNTY LIBRARY

December @ the Sturgeon Bay & Egg Harbor Libraries
Door County Libraries offer free Wi-Fi. Residents & visitors are eligible for a free library card, just bring a photo ID to sign-up. Event details: DoorCountyLibrary.org

NOT-TO-MISS
The Lego Builders Club
1st Saturday each month @ 1 - 2pm / SB
K-4th Graders, tons of bricks to build.
Daily during Open Hours/ EGG
Legos galore + mazes and more.

Read to a Four-Legged Listener
Thursdays @ 4-5pm / SB
2nd & 4th Fridays @ 10-12pm / EGG
Practice reading to gentle therapy dogs.

Make & Take: Herb & Vinegar
Dec. 5 @ 2pm / EGG
Infuse your own flavored vinegar, and use the die cutter to make a custom label.

Maker Space Activities
All month long / EGG
Create wrapping paper from recyclables, die cut custom gift tags, upcycle cards into ornaments.

SPECIAL EVENTS
Winter Crafts + Glitter-mana
Sat., DEC 13 @ 10am - 4:30pm
Sturgeon Bay
Drop in to make holiday decorations in Glitter!

Thurs., DEC 12 - Easy Holiday Pine Cone Craft
2pm - 3pm / SB - Paint and decorate pine cones in festive holiday hues. From the expert to the novice crafter, come enjoy holiday cookies as you create.

Wed., DEC 18 - Create your own Cricut Earrings
3:30pm / EGG - Join us in the Maker Space to make faux leather earrings on our Cricut® machine! Keep them for yourself or gift them.

Wed., DEC 18 - Movie based on the story of the "Nutcracker"
3:30pm / SB - Family friendly movie + popcorn snack.

Mon., DEC 23 - Create a Cookie Cutter with the 3D Printer
2pm / EGG - Join us in the Maker Space to create your own cookie cutter with our 3D Printer! To sign-up and choose your design, visit: kresspavilion.org/cookie.

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ONE MORE WEEK TO TAKE PART IN OUR

ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

NOV 25 through DEC 13, 2018

Sevastopol students in Grades 4K-5, will be collecting donations of non-perishable items to be distributed to some of our Pioneer families. Donations can be sent to school starting November 25 with students or dropped off at the school office. If you have any questions, please contact the Elementary School Office @ 743-6282



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

Sevastopol Community Programs are once again being offered to the district January through March 2020. Join friends and neighbors for exercise classes, arts and crafts, or participate in a seminar to learn more about internet security or how to clean up your PC or laptop. Go to <http://www.sevastopol.k12.wi.us> for program details and register online before December 18. Thank you for your interest in these Sevastopol School District opportunities!



We Wish You a Happy Reading....

December Elementary Library Media Center Reading Challenge

Challenge: 4K-5 grade students are challenged to read (or listen) and keep track of their individual pages. Each student's number of pages will be combined with a goal of 10, 000 pages by December 18th. If the challenge is met, Mr. Hilts will dress up in a crazy holiday outfit and read a story to each grade level.