



North DeSoto Upper Elementary

Home of the Griffins

DeSoto Parish Schools Serve To:

Care for Students, Ensure their Learning, Celebrate their Graduation

Our Mission Statement ~ The mission of North DeSoto Upper Elementary is to provide opportunities for students to achieve their personal best, become responsible and productive members of society and embrace lifelong learning in a positive environment.

Monday Memo

www.desotopsb.com

April 8, 2024

DATES TO REMEMBER

***see changes & additions

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| Wed., April 10 | - | PTO Pizza Day |
| Thurs., April 11 | - | 2nd & 3rd grade field trip to Artbreak |
| | - | Protecting Minds, Bodies & Devices by Clint Davis Counseling*** (6:00pm) |
| Mon., April 15 | - | SPT Conferences (10:00-6:00) ~ Virtual Day for students |
| | - | Design on a Dime Silent Auction (3:30-6:00) |
| Wed., April 17 | - | 5th grade IAP Test |
| Thurs., April 18 | - | Last Day of Extended Day |
| Fri., April 19 | - | Incentive Club*** |
| Mon., April 22 | - | 6th grade Orientation for students at NDMS (1:30)*** |
| Tues., April 23 | - | LEAP Testing: ELA/Math Session 1 |
| | - | 6th grade Open House for parents @ NDMS (5:30-7:00) |
| Wed., April 24 | - | LEAP Testing: ELA/Math Session 2 |
| Thurs., April 25 | - | LEAP Testing: ELA/Math Session 3 |
| Sat., April 27 | - | Election Day*** |
| Mon., April 29 | - | Ninja Party Deadline - Math Goals |
| Tues., April 30 | - | LEAP Testing: Science All Sessions |
| Wed., May 1 | - | LEAP Testing: Social Studies All Sessions |
| | - | AR Cutoff (year) - Last Day to qualify for Altitude |
| Thurs, May 2 ~ Fri., May 17 | - | LEAP Testing Make-up Days |
| Fri., May 3 | - | Ninja Party - Math Goals |
| | - | First Friday - jeans for \$1.00 donation to DeSoto Promise Scholarship Fund |
| Mon., May 6 ~ Fri., May 10 | - | Teacher Appreciation Week |
| Tues., May 7 | - | 4th grade field trip to Clara Springs |
| Wed., May 8 | - | Book Bingo Blast-AR Goals / Million Word Club to Raising Canes (11:00-1:00) |
| Thurs., May 9 | - | 2nd grade Orientation for students (9:00) Open House for parents (6:00) |
| | - | 3rd grade field trip to Gators and Friends |
| | - | 5th grade DARE Graduation (1:30) |
| Fri., May 10 | - | Field Day |
| Mon., May 13 | - | Party Central 4th/5th (DOJO) / Altitude 2nd/3rd (AR) |
| Tues., May 14 | - | Party Central 2nd (DOJO) / Altitude 4th/5th (AR) |
| Wed., May 15 | - | Party Central 3rd (DOJO) |
| | - | 2nd grade EOY Celebration |
| Thurs., May 16 | - | 3rd/4th/5th grade EOY Celebration |
| Fri., May 17 | - | Awards Ceremony - 2nd & 3rd (8:15) / 4th & 5th (9:30) |
| | - | NDMS Play - 2nd & 3rd (9:45) / 4th & 5th (12:00) |
| Mon., May 20 | - | Last Day for Students |



PROTECTING MINDS, BODIES & DEVICES - CLINT DAVIS COUNSELING

This Thursday, April 11th, at 6:00pm in the NDUE Gym, we will host a night dedicated to internet safety. This class is for parents and will include topics such as development of your child's brain, body safety and the effect of social media on your family. Clint Davis, author of Building Better Bridges: A Guidebook To Having Difficult Conversations That Can Save Our Children, is our guest speaker. You do NOT want to miss this!! Childcare will be provided at the school.



NORTH DESOTO BOND PROPOSAL

Growth impacts all grade levels, and the April 27 bond will help address needs such as:

Lower Elementary:

- Higher class size ratio than the rest of the parish
- Mobile classrooms and waiting list for PreK Programs

Upper Elementary:

- Higher class size ratio than the rest of the parish
- Once had four homerooms per grade, now has 10

Middle School:

- Grade level population up to 4x what they were in the early 2000s
- Classes and hallways are overflowing with students

High School:

- Current spaces are creating constraints to capacity including CTE classes
- Classrooms, gym, cafeteria, hallways and other spaces are overcrowded

Make Your Voice Heard

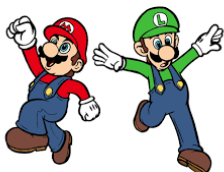
- In-Person/By Mail Registration Deadline - March 27
- Geaux Vote Online Registration Deadline - April 6
- Early Voting - April 13-April 20
- Election Day - April 27

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Get more information and a closer look at the situation, plan, and frequently asked questions at www.desotopsb.com/NDBond



NDMS 6th GRADE ORIENTATION

Student Orientation for incoming 6th graders will be Monday, April 22nd, at 1:30pm. Fifth grade students will walk over to the Middle School with their teachers on this day. Parent Night at NDMS is scheduled for Tuesday, April 23rd from 5:30pm-7:00pm.

CAFETERIA NEWS

What's for Lunch?

(subject to change)

Tues., April 9	-	Nachos, Cheese Sauce, Chili Beans, Taco Salad Cup, Pears, Holiday Treat, Milk
Wed., April 10	-	Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza, Green Beans, Tater Tots, Fruit Cup, Milk
Thurs., April 11	-	Chicken Chunks, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Italian Bread, Apple Slices, Milk
Fri., April 12	-	Deli Sandwich, Chips, Salad Cup, Carrot Sticks & Dip, Pears or Peaches, Milk
Mon., April 15	-	S/P/T Conferences - Virtual Day for Students
Tues., April 16	-	Burger, French Fries, Salad Cup, Chili Beans, Pineapple, Applesauce Cake, Milk

No cell phone use in the cafeteria