

DMCS eNewsletter November 12, 2020

Dear Parents-

Yesterday was Veteran's Day. It is a great time to remember all the things we enjoy in this great country due to the sacrifice of so many. I hope you took some time to thank a veteran. I know that I am so grateful for their service and their sacrifice for me. May God bless our veterans!

There is much in the news these days about the pandemic and school closures. Faribault Public has decided to move to distance learning for all grades until after Christmas break. They will continue to provide bussing for our students as they will be having care programs running at the elementary schools. I assure you that I am carefully watching the data roll in and investigating its affect on our community here at DMCS. I am actively working with our school nurse, public health officials and the BA administration to contact trace and identify cross-over exposure to our students and staff. We continue to maintain our status quo. The quarantining we have done has been aggressive and careful to help us continue to mitigate risk, and we have been blessed so far to not have any positive cases in students or staff. Because of this, we plan to continue in person until the status at our school changes. If we would have someone develop a positive case, my first move would be to quarantine the individual class that would be affected. This is the whole reason that we have been operating with our pod approach. We will continue to base our decisions on what is best for our students and families. Please continue to pray for us!

Please note: We have decided to alter our school calendar slightly. We will be taking off two full weeks at Christmas to allow for a 14-day reset and deep clean of our building. There will be No School on Monday, December 21st and Tuesday, December 22nd. This reset does not provide a 14-day quarantine before the holiday or after the holiday, so I ask you to consider your plans and act prudently in your decisions. The Governor has now mandated limited holiday gatherings of 3 households or less. If you still plan to travel or have visitors and you believe your child should quarantine for a certain reason, please call and talk it over with me. I will be happy to work with you. I fully trust our community to be careful in the decisions they make. Our goal is to keep our students as healthy as possible and stay in-person. We are all in this together.

I understand that this extended break might be a hardship for some, and our care programs at preschool and school age will be available for the two extra days we are off. Please contact your teacher at the preschool level or Katie Healy at the school age level if you will be in need of care on either day.

Remember, November is a month of service opportunities at DMCS! We are collecting gently used winter gear and non-perishable food for St. Vincent DePaul throughout the month. There are collection spots available at school and church for these items. You can send them with your children or stop in the front entry to drop them off. Thank you for using these opportunities to speak with your children about the importance of Christian charity. Corporal works of Mercy are great ways to show our care and love for others who are less fortunate than we are.

Thank you for all you are doing.

Keep the faith-

Mrs. Ashley

Every child is a Vison of Hope!



Happy Veteran's Day!
Art work from Mrs. Duban-Reuvers 3rd Grade Class



Thank you for all of the generous donations that we have received so far. We will continue the drive for new and gently used winter coats and snow-pants and non-perishable food through November 20th.



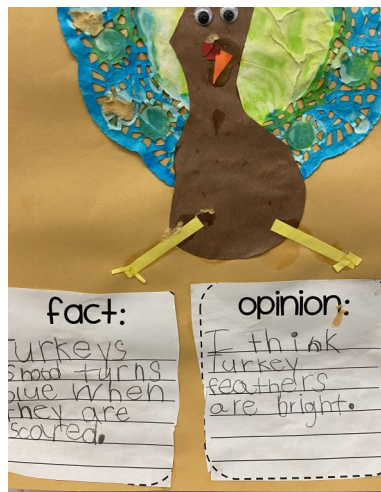
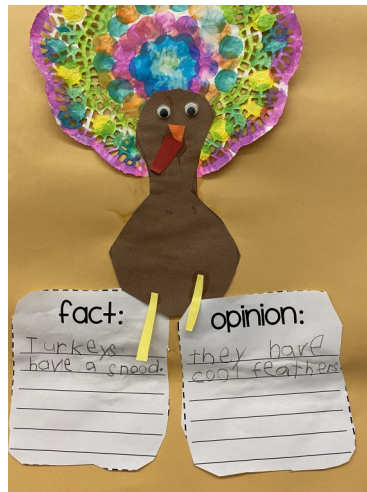
NEEDED - Volunteer Representative to the DMCC Finance Committee for the School. We are looking for someone with an expertise or interest in financial matters to represent DMCS on the church finance committee and report back to the School Advisory Committee. This person will be asked to participate in two monthly meetings (one at the parish and one at the school) and act as a liaison to the School Advisory group. Please contact Gina Ashley if this interests you. Thank you!

Dates to Remember

- Nov. 18 8:30 Mass Gr. 3D Host
- Nov. 20 Dress Code Reward Day
- Nov. 24-26 No School
Thanksgiving Break
- Dec. 2 8:30 Mass Gr. 5 Host
PAWS (Parents Actively Working in Schools) Meeting 6pm @ DMCS

FACT & OPINION

By Mrs. Brown's
1st Grade Class



You are invited to PAWS (Parents Actively Working in School).

Wednesday, December 2nd at 6pm at DMCS

Community Service is on the agenda

If your unable to attend join us on Google Meet!

<https://meet.google.com/enu-pdpr-vofthly>

