

Decker Prairie Elementary School

Cougar Tales



Make Up for Fall Pictures

Strawbridge will be on campus Friday, November 3rd to take makeup pictures. If you want to have your child's picture retaken, please send the original picture packet back and your student will give it to the photographer. For those students that weren't here on the previous picture day or those that are new to DPES, their picture will be taken as well.



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Thanksgiving Food Drive



DPES will be collecting non-perishable food items beginning Monday, November 6th through Wednesday, November 15th. The food will be donated to TEAM (Tomball Emergency Assistance Ministry), which helps our community. Suggested food items: canned groceries (meats, soups, beans, fruits, veggies), peanut butter, rice, stuffing mixes, powdered milk, packaged pasta, instant potatoes, canned juices, etc. If you or someone you know could use assistance, please contact TEAM at (281) 351-6700.

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Car Rider Reminders

Please help us make the car rider line safe for staff and students. In the mornings, we only have one line and it is next to the curb. Please pull up as far as you can, have the student ready to get out and exit at the curbside. In the afternoons, please have your sign with the student's name and grade visible to the staff and drive slowly. Please refrain from cellphone use. **TEXAS LAW PROHIBITS CELL PHONE USE IN SCHOOL ZONES (THIS DOES INCLUDE THE CAR RIDER LINE).**



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Reminder-Our school doors open at 8:10 a.m. Students will be allowed in the building at that time. For the sake of our students safety, children should not be dropped off and left unattended before that time. Students in Choir/Ropers/UII can be dropped off at their designated time. Thank you for helping us keep our DPES kids safe!

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November Learning Focus

PPCD/PreK/Kindergarten

ELA-short a word families, story elements, writing using the word wall & stretching out words

Math- Numbers 0-10

Science- Movement

Social Studies-Customs/Traditions

Reminders: Don't forget to have your child reading out of their book pouches every night

1st Grade

Parents please remember to go to the Decker Prairie website and register for Edlio page of your child's teacher.

Field Trip November 15th to Dewberry Farm

Reading – Retelling stories with setting, characters, problem solution and main details. Introduce and compare Fairy Tales, and Procedural Text

Writing-Narrative Personal Moments, Procedural Text and Friendly Letters

Math– Addition and subtraction to 20, word problems and strategies for addition and subtraction. Please see teacher's Edlio for more details on each strategy.

Science- Energy –Sound, light and heat and Magnets

Social Studies- Public Official and Past Present and Future

2nd Grade

Time flies and we are in November! Our 2 graders will be learning to read expository text, they will learn to locate important facts and be able to write about it. In math we will work on addition and subtraction with regrouping and solving word problems. Science we will exploring natural resources. Social studies we will learn about goods and services, producers and consumers. We will be practicing to write paragraphs.

3rd Grade

Mathematics-multiplication up to 10x10 as arrays, area models, and equations; 2 by 1 digit multiplication using area models; and basic division foundations problem solving with both multiplication and division

Science– forms of energy, including mechanical, light, sound, and heat/thermal landforms and how they can be changed

Reading - Fiction-Plot, Summary, and Character Development. **Nonfiction**- recognizing text features and the role they play helping readers to better understand the text

Writing-Fictional Stories

Social Studies- 3 Branches of Government Function and Role of local, state and federal government

4th Grade

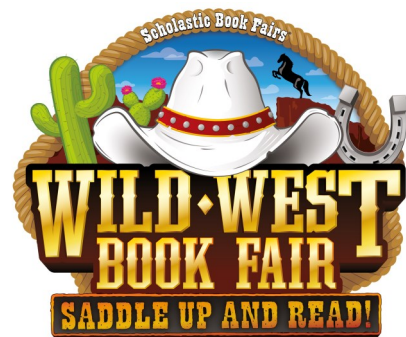
Reading: Using Comprehension Strategies to Analyze Fiction Text

Writing: Expository Essays

Math: Multiplication and Division

Science: Mechanic Energy

Social Studies: Exploration of the New World and Colonization



November 13-17

Specials/Specialists

Music

Dear Second Grade Families:

On **Thursday, November 9** you are cordially invited to attend your child's grade level music program. During the program children will perform patriotic songs to honor our Veterans. Warm-up starts at 6:15 p.m. in the gym, with the performance beginning promptly at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Please have your child wear any combination of red, white, and blue and long pants (dresses/skirts are allowed).

It is important that every child support their class by attending the program. If your child is unable to attend, please send a note or e-mail immediately. Thank you for your time and support. We look forward to seeing your family on **November 9** at **6:15 p.m.**

P.S. Volunteers are needed to decorate the stage for the program. Please contact us if you are available to help. Thank you!



GT Specialist

Morning Drop Off Procedure: Please continue to drive on through the drop off circle after dropping of your student for Clubs or UIL Coaching. Be courteous as other parents behind you also need to drop off their student. ~Thank you!

Parental Involvement

Parent Prep Academy– Thursday, November 2nd

Make plans to join us Thursday, November 2nd for the next session of Parent Prep Academy. This session will be Reading Your Child: Developmental Milestones/Learning Styles. Two sessions are available for your convenience. The morning session is 8:30-9:30 am and the afternoon session is 1:30 pm—2:30 pm. We hope to see you there.

Library Notes

There are exciting things going on in November:

- Reading Logs- November starts our Six Flags and Schlitterbahn rewards for student reading. If your child reads more than 360 minutes between November and January, they earn a free ticket to Six Flags Fiesta Texas. If your child reads more than 600 minutes between November and January, they also earn a free ticket to Schlitterbahn Galveston.
- Book Fair- We will have our Fall book fair the week of November 13-17th . Look for information to go home next week.
- Tomball's Battle of the Books!- We have a new district-wide competition this year that our 3rd and 4th graders can participate in called Tomball Book Tournament. Sign your child up for a team and get more information during our Family Literacy Night.

Subscribe to my website at: <https://goo.gl/1DX8pq> to get more information about these and more library events.



November Events

- November 1-Ropers Practice
- November 2-Ropers Practice/Parent Training
- November 3-Stephen F. Austin Father of Texas Day/Make Up for Fall Pictures/PTO Meeting
- November 5– Daylight Savings Time
- November 6-Choir Practice/Food Drive begins
- November 7-Chess Club/Food Drive/Robotics
- November 8-Ropers Practice/Robotics/Food Drive
- November 9-Ropers Practice/Food Drive/2nd Grade Program
- November 10-Library Closed for Book Fair Set Up/Food Drive
- November 13-Choir Practice/Book Fair Week/Classroom Spelling Bees/Food Drive
- November 14-Book Fair Week/Classroom Spelling Bees/Robotics/Food Drive/Family Literacy Night
- November 15-Book Fair Week/Food Drive Ends/Ropers Practice/Classroom Spelling Bees/Robotics
- November 16-Book Fair Week/Ropers Practice/Classroom Spelling Bees
- November 17-Book Fair Week/Kindergarten Feast/Classroom Spelling Bees
- November 18-Tomball Holiday Parade
- November 20-24-Thanksgiving Holiday Week
- November 27-Choir Practice
- November 28-Chess Club/Robotics
- November 29-Ropers Practice/Robotics
- November 30-Ropers Practice