

DeMotte Elementary

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Dear Parents,

We are off to a great start here at DES! Our students have been hard at work learning classroom rules and expectations. We want to thank all of our parents for their support, and the teachers for all of their effort. Together we can help our students be successful. One of the most important things for school success is school attendance.

A study was done on students that were absent from school here in Indiana. This study, sponsored by the Indiana Partnership Center, reported, *"At least 55,000 Indiana students-and probably more-miss a significant amount of school each year, setting them up for struggles throughout the years and into their adult lives."*

There is a strong connection between academic performance and absenteeism. Those students who missed a lot of school scored lower than their peers on state testing. Students that miss twice a month, 18 days, miss 10% of school. These students are considered "chronically absent".

When students miss school, they miss out on important instruction and are trying to play catch up. Kindergarteners who have poor attendance are more likely to have poorer achievement throughout their elementary years. Also, poor attendance can lead to a higher rate of substance abuse later on in life and kids not getting a high school diploma.

The only excusable absence is for illness, death in the family, or an educational non-classroom activity approved in advance by the school principal.

When your child is sick, please call or send a note in to his teacher stating the reason for your child's absence. Family vacations should be scheduled when school is not in session. (For more information, go to our website and read our elementary schools' Student-Parent Handbook.) Parents are notified after 5, 8, and 10 days of missing school. If absenteeism or tardiness becomes a concern, a meeting will be held.

Perfect attendance is recognized each quarter. In order to receive this award, students will have to have attended school each day, arrived on time, and did not leave early.

Upcoming Events

September 4
PTO Meeting at 4 p.m. in
our Media Center

September 12
Picture Day



Next Month:

Third Grade Music Program
October 14
Rooms 30-33 at 5:30
Rooms 34-37 at 6:30

October 14-17
Red Ribbon Week

Fall Break
October 18-21

Picture Retakes
October 24

Grandparents Welcome

Oct. 7 Grandparents' Open House for
Kindergarten & 3rd grade 5:00-6:00

Oct. 8 Grandparents' Open House
for 1st & 2nd grades 5:00-6:00



SCHOOL HOURS School begins at 8:50 a.m. and students need to be seated in the classroom by that time. The doors open at 8:35. Students who are tardy must be accompanied to the office and signed in. Dismissal begins at 3:25 p.m.

PTO Meeting

Our first PTO Meeting is September 4th at 4:00 p.m. in our school's library. Please consider becoming involved. Our PTO plans wonderful events and needs your help. Positions for officers are open for the next school year. We are in need of a secretary and treasurer.

BOX TOPS for Education

Traditional Box Tops are being phased out! However, you can still send the unexpired ones to school. A few brands will continue to produce them. The new program is going digital. You can download the app and just scan your store receipt using the app. For more information, see that attached sheet. Each Box top is worth 10 cents to our school and helps buy classroom materials.

School Spirit Ware

Our PTO will be selling school spirit ware during the month of September. Show your Kougar Pride and buy a T-Shirt! Additional forms are available in the office or order online.

PHONE SECURITY PIN

K.V. takes security precautions when receiving requests via the telephone. In order for staff to verify your identity, each family must provide a PIN to identify themselves to the school. If this PIN is lost, stolen, or forgotten, it can be changed by logging on to family access and online forms. If you are unable to login to family access, you may reset your PIN by going to your child's school and presenting a current state issued photo ID.

Please note: No information about a student will be given over the phone without this PIN. Only individuals with this PIN are authorized to receive information or make changes to student or family information over the phone. Do not share this PIN with anyone who should not have access to your child or family information.

LATE START WEDNESDAYS School will begin ½ hour later than normal. Drop off will be at 9:05. Class will begin at 9:20. Like many school teachers across the state, DeMotte Elementary teachers will participate in professional learning community activities during this time. [Is](#)

BOOK FEES DUE If you did not pay Book Rental during registration, please remember that it is due by October 11. If you need assistance for textbook rental, you must apply by then.



HOMework REQUESTS FOR SICK STUDENTS

If you want the teacher to prepare homework for your child who is not in school, please call the school by 10:00 a.m. for pickup at the end of the day.

For More School Information: Go to our school's website and click on School Forms. You will find our Parent-Student Handbook.

Be Sure to Like Our Official Face Book Page: KV DeMotte Elementary



From Our Kitchen to Yours

Are mornings busy? Is it hard to get in a good breakfast before school? We can HELP! Breakfast is available here at school. We have many great choices, hot and cold. What a great way to fuel their bodies and start each day. The cost is \$1.40 for full pay students and 30¢ for reduced pay students. We are glad to serve you!