

# Mark Denman Elementary

November 2017

## Theme:

Focus on collaborating about student learning for substantial results.



## **Mission:**

Mark Denman will provide a safe, supportive, and nurturing environment where all individuals will be actively engaged in personal and academic growth.

## **Special Events:**

- ◆ Daylight Savings - Nov. 5
- ◆ Fundraiser Delivered - Nov. 6
- ◆ Magic Show - Nov. 6
- ◆ Early Dismissal - Nov. 8
- ◆ Polar Express - Nov. 13
- ◆ Progress Reports - Nov. 15
- ◆ Birthday Celebration - Nov. 17
- ◆ Picture Retakes - Nov. 17
- ◆ Early Dismissal - Nov. 23
- ◆ Thanksgiving - Nov. 24
- ◆ No School - Nov. 25
- ◆ Skating Night - Nov. 30
- ◆ Early Dismissal - Dec. 6
- ◆ Board Meeting - Dec. 13
- ◆ Santa Night - Dec. 14

## **Hello, Mark Denman Families!**

It is hard to believe that November is upon us. This school year is quickly flying by! We had many fun events last month, and even more events coming our direction between now and our winter break in December.

We want to thank everyone who attended Parent-Teacher Conferences last month. Working together is certainly best for our students!

We had an amazing turnout for our annual Spooktacular! We enjoyed seeing so many students and their siblings in their Halloween costumes. Thank you to everyone who attended this fun event!

It's time to mark your calendar for all the events ahead! We will dismiss at 1:30 on Wednesday, November 8 and 22. Progress Reports will be sent home on Wednesday, November 15, picture retakes and November birthday celebrations

are on Friday, November 17.

Fundraiser items will be delivered on Monday, November 6. Pickup information will be sent home this week. Thank you to all families who sold items. Your child will get to participate in a Magic Show on Monday, November 6. This is very exciting!

Just a reminder, don't forget to "fall back" this weekend. Set your clocks back 1 hour at midnight on Sunday.

We wish everyone a wonderful, relaxing Thanksgiving with family and friends.

Mrs. Pabst, Ms. Richardson, Mr. Day

*Happy  
Thanksgiving*



## **Vermilion County Continuum of Care**

Homeless Awareness Month  
November 2017

Come Join Us for Lunch:  
November 8, 2017

**11:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

At Crosspoint at the Y  
201 N. Hazel Street, Danville IL.

Everyone Welcome:

Soup and Sandwich, Beverage and Dessert will be served

Free Personal Care Packages available

For more information call:

Linda McLaughlin 446-1217 or Tricia Keith 431-2668

## Here's the Grade-Level Scoop!

### Hello, Kindergarten Families!

Coat season is upon us. Please label your child's COAT, HAT AND GLOVES with their first and last name. Coats tend to be left in the lunchroom or on the playground. If items are labeled, they are less likely to be picked up by others and easier to be returned to their rightful owner if left behind or misplaced. Encourage your child to place their hats, gloves and scarves inside their coat sleeves or inside their book bag. Please dress your child for the changing weather. REMEMBER....hoodies are not allowed in school!

We are working on the letters Nn, Ii, Ff, Pp and Oo. We will be talking about Family and Thanksgiving this month. New Sight Words are: she, can, A, is, he and has. Your child should be reading the sight words we have taught and CVC words with the letters we have taught. Please practice flash cards daily that were handed out at Parent/Teacher Conferences. This will help your child be successful in Kindergarten. Rereading all books and papers that come home will also help your child be a successful reader. Your child is growing and beginning to read! Thank you for your help. It makes a difference!

### Welcome Fall, From Second Grade!

Hello from second grade! The first quarter went so quickly. We can't believe it is second quarter already! This month students will continue learning to add and subtract 2 digit numbers with regrouping and working with money. We have been writing narratives and will begin writing expository paragraphs on topics we are learning about. Students will be having a behavior reward at the end of the month. Students who have 80% or higher for their Class Dojo or good behavior in class will receive a "turkey treat" before Thanksgiving break.

As always, each 2<sup>nd</sup> grade student will have homework Monday through Thursday on spelling and/or math skills they are learning in class. Continue to read with students as it encourages them to be readers! Please be sure to check your child's book bag each night for homework and other notes and announcements from the teacher.

**Happy  
Thanksgiving!**

### First Grade is Thankful!

Wow! First Quarter is over! Teachers would like to thank all the parents who took the time to come to Parent-Teacher Conferences. It is so important that parents show their support! We all want the same thing - success for your child! Please make sure your child is reading at home every night. Please make sure they are practicing! Continue studying their spelling words.

Our HogWallow Farm Field Trip was a success! The children had lots of fun!

First Grade Team



### Happy Fall, Third Grade Families!

Hello from third grade! Second quarter is already well underway! Here are some reminders for this month: Now that the weather is getting cooler, please make sure your child has warm clothing and/or jackets and coats. Sneezin' for the Season! Be sure to send a box of tissues to your child's classroom if you haven't already (this is the time of year when we go through a lot of tissue boxes). Thank you in advance!

Homework/agendas/ AR books: Please make sure your child is returning work in a timely manner and agendas are being signed daily. Books should be brought home every night and reading at least 20 minutes daily. This will help reading scores improve.

Multiplication facts: During 3<sup>rd</sup> grade our Math concepts get a little harder with each new unit. Most of the math we do is connected to knowing their facts, not only completely, but quickly. Please help your child to focus on a specific fact every night.

Behavior: Remind your child to think about PBIS behavior so they can do their best at Mark Denman Elementary. Finally, third grade teachers want to thank all the parents who attended their child's conference in October. It's a wonderful feeling knowing we have your support in your child's success. As always, if there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to call your child's teacher.



## In the News...

### Hello Fourth Grade Families!

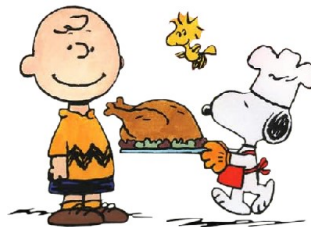
Thanks so much to all of you who took the time to meet with us at parent/teacher conferences! It was so nice to meet you and to share the wonderful things your child is doing in school! We look forward to a continued partnership with you as the year progresses!

Each night your child should bring home books to read as part of fourth grade homework. Please make sure your child is reading at least 30 minutes a night. Some nights there will be written homework in addition to the reading so please check folders and agenda books! Working on multiplication facts will also be a huge benefit to your child. Thanks for your cooperation with this! We appreciate all of your support!



### Hello, From the Land of Music!

As the year quickly progresses, our students are busily preparing for the Winter Concert. They are learning new languages, how to combine instrumental and vocal performances, and many more musical skills. Our concerts will be at 5pm on December 18th for 3rd and 4th graders and December 19th for K-2 graders. We will be moving our concert back to our Mark Denman Gymnasium this year! You will be receiving informational sheets shortly. We look forward to seeing all of our parents and guardians. Thank you!



### Gym Report:

We are about to finish our skating unit. We all had fun learning how to skate better. Our students enjoy this unit every year and we like watching them improve their skating skills.

After skating we will learn the major muscles and bones in the human body and we will play different tag games. Please remember to take advantage of the warm weather and spend as much time as you can outside.

Jana McKenna, Dale Steven, and Mihai Murineanu

P.E. Teachers



# From Birth to Three

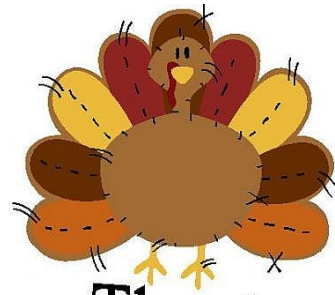
## VERMILION COUNTY HOME VISITING

Did you know that there are free home visiting services throughout Vermilion County?

The H.O.M.E. Hands On Meaningful Experiences Program provides home visiting services that offer family-focused services to expectant parents and families with children up to age 3 who reside in District 118. Brandye Kizer and Debbie Plush, Parent Educators, offer information about what a child should be doing at each developmental stage, help families to locate needed resources, fun family events, education, support, and free books! In addition to personal home visits and group connections, our Family Store helps supply baby items and household products for H.O.M.E. participants. If you are interested in home visiting services, or even learning more about them, please call (217) 483-BABY (2229).

## What is Social Development and Why is it Important:

Social and emotional development is a child's ability to understand the feelings of others, control his or her own feelings and behaviors, get along with other children, and build relationships with adults.



# Happy Thanksgiving

## Upcoming Events in October

**November 13<sup>th</sup>:** Festival of Trees

Where: Civic Center

Time: 12:45pm-2:00pm

**November 20<sup>th</sup>:** Cooking Together

Where: Mark Denman

Time: 12:30-2:00pm

**December 5<sup>th</sup>:** Reading with Rudolph

Where: Mark Denman Elementary

Time: 10am-11am

**December 18<sup>th</sup>:** Holiday Party for our Birth-3 families

## Online Resource

**What:** ZERO to THREE

Topics and information on Early Development & Well-Being, Early Learning and Parenting

**Where:** 1255 23rd Street, NW

Suite 350

Washington, DC 20037

(202) 638-1144

(800) 899-4301

<https://www.zerotothree.org/parenting>