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Ada-Borup Elementary School News

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Dates to Remember:

February

1st – ECFE Evening
Class Begin 4pm

5th-15th - Pennies for
Patients Drive

6th – ECFE Morning
Class Begin 9am

7th – MN Science
Museum Visit

7th – Release Time

8th – Joy Dental Clinic
Presentation

14th – Release Time

16th – No School

19th – No School

21st – Release Time

28th – Release Time

March

1st – Elementary
Conferences

1st – County-Wide
Knowledge Bowl
Meet

5th – Elementary
Conferences

21st – 2pm Student
Dismissal

I Love to Read Month

Across the nation February is celebrated as *I Love to Read Month*. Our school will be joining with many others to create fun and meaningful reading experiences for our students. Classrooms will continue to provide opportunities for students to read independently and with an adult on a daily basis. Students will also get to participate in Read Across America with corresponding dress-up days in the month of February. Lastly, our Elementary Parent Teacher Council will have a book drive to enhance our classroom libraries and put quality books in our students' hands.

We encourage you to take some time during the month of February to read together as a family. Reading at home has the single biggest impact on your student's success in school compared to other homework. Students who read at home for 20 minutes each night are exposed to 1,800,000 million words per year and score 90% higher than their peers when determining reading levels. Students who average less than 5 minutes each night of reading are exposed to 282,000 words per year and students reading an average of 1 minute per night are only exposed to 8,000 words per year. In other words it would take a student who reads an average of 1 minute a night 1 full year to be exposed to the same amount of words a student reading 20 minutes a night sees in 2 days!

Also in the month of February we look forward to our Pennies for Patients Campaign (see below), a visit from Joy's Dental Clinic, and preparing for Mini-labs happening at the end of March. **Mini-labs** are non-traditional learning activities including arts/crafts, cooking, technology, or physical activities. We could use some help attending labs with classrooms or putting on a lab for our students. If you are interested in helping or would like to learn more about mini-labs contact the elementary office at 218-784-5303.

GO COUGARS!

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Pennies
for
Patients®



-Ada-Borup Elementary students will be taking part in The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's (LLS) Pennies for Patients program from Feb. 5th-15th.

-Students will bring in pennies to collect in their classrooms to find cures and ensure access to treatments for blood cancer patients.

-Thank you in advance for helping LLS to create a world without blood cancers!



Reminders from the Office

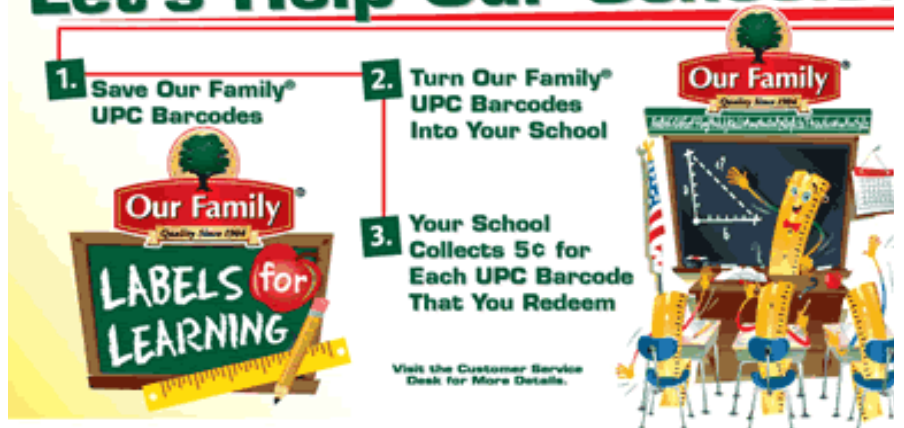
Warm Clothes

Almost all of our students have done a great job coming prepared to have fun in the winter weather. Keep up the great work parents!!!

Conferences

Conferences are March 1st & 5th. Watch for a letter to reserve your time coming home from the office later this month.

Let's Help Our Schools!



Did you know we collect *Our Family Labels* in Ada? It's a painless way to raise money for the school without having to sell anything door to door. Students can drop off labels at the elementary office.

+ NURSE'S CORNER +

COUGAR PRIDE

- P** Practice Responsibility and Respect
- R**emain Safe
- I**nclude Others
- D**isplay a Positive Attitude
- E**ngage in Learning

Students are turning to e-cigarettes as a “healthier alternative” to smoking. Often referred to as vaping, the use of e-cigarettes increased 900 percent among high school students between 2011 and 2016, and their popularity continues to rise. And instead of serving as a “safe” alternative to traditional cigarettes, vaping seems to be a gateway to other tobacco products for some young people. In addition to concerns about vaping leading to smoking, the American Lung Association considers the vapors from e-cigarettes themselves unsafe. Talking to your children about smoking starting at a young age 5-6 years old, gives children power to say no. Children and adolescents who have talked with their parents about smoking are way less likely to start smoking than children who have not discussed smoking with their parents. Stress to your children that there is NO SAFE form of tobacco or smoking. For tips on how to talk to your child about smoking go to: <https://medlineplus.gov/ency/patientinstructions/000873.htm>

5TH GRADE SNAPSHOT



The 5th graders have been busy in science. Students have wrapped up the life science unit by creating a "biome in a box." Students showcased their creativity and demonstrated what biotic and abiotic factors there are in the arctic, rain forest, desert, etc. We are beginning our earth science unit this month. Students will learn about glacial Lake Agassiz as well as different rocks and minerals, some of which are found right here in Minnesota. Mrs Visser's 5th graders are researching science demonstrations to be presented to the class as a Language Arts and writing folder assignment .They will write their steps in the process, practice the demonstration and present. We have also been working on beginning and ending sounds with our Kindergarten buddies from Mrs. Liebl's classroom.

