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# Ada-Borup Elementary School News

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## Dates to Remember:

### DECEMBER

- 6<sup>th</sup> – Release Time
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Midterm Go Grades Home
- 13<sup>th</sup> – Release Time
- 14<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Musical
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Release Time
- 20<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade to Benedictine Living
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – 12:30 Student Dismissal
- 25<sup>th</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> – No School

### JANUARY

- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Students Return from Winter Break
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Release Time
- 17<sup>th</sup> – 2pm Student Dismissal
- 17<sup>th</sup> – Release Time
- 19<sup>th</sup> – No School Teacher Workshop
- 19<sup>th</sup> – End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – Report Cards Go Home
- 24<sup>th</sup> – Release Time

## Tis the Season

The month of November provided many reasons to celebrate and give thanks in our school. We had our first student awards ceremony on the 13<sup>th</sup> where students were acknowledged for their hard work and successes during the first quarter. We also had our 2<sup>nd</sup> Cougar Pride Assembly as our students filled up the Cougar Tube again by being caught doing the right thing throughout the building. Our classrooms have been filled with great learning opportunities for our students: from 3<sup>rd</sup> graders teaching kindergartners how to use google classroom to our 5<sup>th</sup> graders utilizing Adobe Flash to share what they have been learning with their peers (and principal).

During the month of November we also honored Veterans and their families for their service. Roger Niebeling and Justin Kaste took time out of their day to present their stories to students. Thank you to both of these individuals! The high school put on a great Veterans Day Ceremony with the community, which our 5<sup>th</sup> graders were able to participate. Attend if you ever get a chance as it is a special way to honor and learn from our veterans, and an opportunity that doesn't happen in every community.

A big thank you also goes to all of our families who attended conferences this fall or made other arrangements with classroom teachers. Out of our 288 students in grades p-5, 272 student families attended. That is 94% attendance by our families. Again this is something that is not common in every community like it is in Ada. Thank you families for taking an active role in your student's education!

Looking ahead to the end of December we have 3 weeks left with students before Winter Break. Our teachers will continue to create great experiences for your students and engage them in learning.

GO COUGARS / HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

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### Happenings

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Musical – Home for the Holidays -

Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band to Open the Show  
Followed by 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Recorders  
Concluded by 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Vocal Performances  
3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade students arrive at 6:45pm

#### Winter Break

December 25<sup>rd</sup> to January 2<sup>nd</sup>



## WINTER CLOTHING REMINDERS



**Labels** – It's easy to find where misplaced winter gear belongs when the tags are labeled with the student's name inside.

**Cut off Temp** – When the wind chill or feels like temperature is below zero we will have indoor recess. Otherwise we will get our students outside to enjoy some fresh air and run around.

**Layers / Warm Clothes** – It's better to be too warm than too cold...

**Lost & Found** – There are lots of hats, scarves, gloves and winter gear piling up at the lost and found tables.

**Winter Clothing Needs** – If your family is in need of winter clothing contact the elementary office. We still have winter gear supplies left for families in need based on availability of sizes.

## **+** NURSE'S CORNER **+** **COPING: The struggle is REAL**

When I was young, stuff happened and we dealt with it. Over the years, we as a society have gotten so good at recognizing potential harm and trying to prevent it that we lost sight of the positives that can come from conflict and stress. Not ALL stress and conflict is bad. Learning how to manage stress and conflict is called coping. Coping mechanisms can be positive or negative. A positive coping mechanism allows one to deal with the stress and move on. A negative coping mechanism helps you avoid or get past the stress, but not deal with the cause of the stress. Some examples of positive coping mechanisms are yoga, talking to someone, humor, exercise. Some examples of negative coping are drugs/alcohol, cutting, acting out, eating disorders. Our youth are lacking positive coping mechanisms and are utilizing negative ones more frequently. Coping mechanisms can be learned, but helping individuals develop positive coping and minimize negative coping skills requires being aware of the high risk our youth are at. If you have any concerns about a student, loved one, or yourself- connect with someone. I can be reached at 218-784-5433 or via email at [tracy.johnson@co.norman.mn.us](mailto:tracy.johnson@co.norman.mn.us)

## **COUGAR PRIDE**

**P** Practice Responsibility  
and Respect

**R**emain Safe

**I**nclude Others

**D**isplay a Positive  
Attitude

**E**ngage in Learning

# 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE SNAPSHOT



Jamie Thornton and Dani Miller from AgCountry visited the third grade classes this past month to bring Ag into the Classroom.

Here are the topics they shared with our students.

- Imagine the earth as an apple
  - demonstrated the amount of land on earth that is actually farmable land.
- Foraging to Farming
  - Children learned about how people lived thousands of years ago vs today because of Agriculture advancements.
- Living Plant Necklaces
  - Children made their own living plant necklace and choose from a variety of crops to grow.
- Looked at the 4 main different types of corn and tried popcorn on the cob!
  - The children watched popcorn cob turn into popcorn and tasted it!

