

# We Love the Dove!



## From the Principal's Desk...

Dear Families,

Can you believe October is already over! It seems just like yesterday that we were starting the new school year, and now we are already 2 months into it...where has the time gone? I continue to be very impressed by the students, families, PTO, and staff. Dove truly is a special place that we all should be proud of! It remains our goal that students come first, and our staff is highly committed to contribute to this culture.

As we wrapped up October with our Annual Fall Festival, November is another month full of different "comings and goings." Most importantly is our Parent Teacher Conferences that will be taking place this month. I encourage you to take part of this process and share some dialogue with your student's teacher. I know that our staff prepares diligently to share their experiences with you about your student academically, socially, and emotionally. So I encourage you to take advantage of this great opportunity.

If I don't get a chance to see all of you by the time Thanksgiving rolls around, have a great holiday and take the time to recognize what you are thankful for in your lives and enjoy the time with your families!

Kind Regards,

Mr. B. Slone, Ed. S.  
Principal

## Mark Your Calendar for November:

- Sunday, Nov. 6** Daylight Savings Time Ends
- Tuesday, Nov. 8** **SCHOOL CLOSED**
- Tuesday, Nov. 8** Election Day – Make Sure You Vote!
- Friday, Nov. 11** Veterans Day Observed
- Tuesday, Nov. 15** Parent Teacher Conferences (Report Cards Distributed)
- Thursday, Nov. 17** Parent Teacher Conferences (Report Cards Distributed)
- Tuesday, Nov. 22** Cyber Safety Assembly
- Wednesday, Nov. 23** Award's Assembly
- Thursday-Friday, Nov. 24-25** **SCHOOL CLOSED**  
Happy Thanksgiving!!!
- Monday, Nov. 28** School Resumes
- Wednesday, Nov. 30** Family Math Achievement Night



# School Hours



Please remember that Dove Academy's doors open at 7:45AM. School begins promptly at 8:00AM. It is extremely important that your child arrives on time each and every day.

Students will be dismissed at 3:30PM. Please wait outside in the front of our school to greet your child. If you need to pick your child up early you **MUST** come to the office to sign your child out for the day. However, ***I respectfully request that your child NOT be signed out early every day in order for you to avoid the traffic congestion.*** Please keep the importance of your child's education in the forefront of your mind at all times.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Interested in staying up to date with some of the "happenings" at Dove Academy?  
Follow our Principal and Dove Academy, on Twitter as he tweets throughout the week about our school!

@bslone\_slone OR @doveacademyofdet



Also, check out our Facebook page and be sure to "like" us!

## SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT!

Are you wanting to find a way to get involved at Dove Academy?

Please consider joining our School Improvement Team – we are actively looking for a volunteer to serve on our **SOCIAL STUDIES COMMITTEE!** We would love to have you on our **TEAM!**

Please see Mr. Slone or Mr. Deal for more information!



# Teacher's Corner!

## Pre-Kindergarten

During the month of November we will continue working on writing and recognizing letters and numbers along with continuing writing our names to sign in. We are also still learning our daily schedule and figuring out what happens next in our day. We will be talking about the different colors they see on a daily basis and how those colors are made.

\*Reminders and Heads up\*

Please remember as the weather outside is getting colder we will still be going outside 2 times a day once in the morning and once in the afternoon. Weather permitting. Please send your children to school with weather appropriate attire (coats, hats, gloves, etc.).

\*\*Please bring a FULL change of clothes for your child to be kept at school in case of an accident. (Shirt, pants, underwear, socks, and shoes)\*\*

Also, parent teacher conferences will be coming up soon! Be on the lookout for a signup sheet in your child's classroom!

## Kindergarten

*Our November theme is Cornucopia. Students will use objects in nature to create theme-related works of art and classify objects by multiple characteristics. In math, students will name and describe different shapes. They will learn to count by 5s, identify patterns, and explore graphs. In reading, students will segment and count syllables, blend sounds to read words, and recall facts from a story. They will participate in collaborative group conversations and explore books independently. Students will observe and graph weather patterns and demonstrate an awareness of the roles people play in society. Students will pretend to buy, sell, and create goods.*

## First Grade

ELA: We are continuing to work on short vowel sounds and will begin to talk about long vowels. We will also be writing sentences with proper structure and punctuation.

Math: We are working on subtraction, place value, and fact families.

## Second Grade

Reading- In reading we are working on finishing up Early Asian Civilizations and moving on to The Ancient Greek Civilization. We are also working on tricky words and split vowel sounds.

Math- In math we are finishing up measurement and starting our unit on place value.

Science- In science we are working on the different states of matter and properties of objects.

Social Studies- We are using maps to study where we live.

## Third Grade

It's hard to believe that the first marking period is already over! We look forward to seeing you at Parent/Teacher conferences soon and discussing your child's progress up to this point. Please look for notes home so we can schedule a time that works for both of us.

In ELA, we are reading about the classification of animals. I hope you all are enjoying hearing your child read aloud to you every night as part of their homework. We are working on a measurement unit in math, focusing on telling time, elapsed time, and solving word problems using kilograms, grams, liters, and milliliters. We will be starting multiplication and division problems of larger numbers soon, so keep practicing those times tables. We are starting a unit on Michigan's first people in social studies and completing our animal unit in science.

Please connect to our classes in class dojo for updates on your child's responsibility and behavior. See you soon for conferences!

## Fourth Grade

### Reading:

For the month of November, we will continue to work on standard 4.RL.1, Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text; RI.4.3, Explain events, procedures, ideas, or concepts in a historical text; We are currently reading about events that lead up to the Middle Ages in Europe; RI.4.7, Interpret information presented visually or orally in charts, graphs, diagrams, etc. We will read several reading passages and stories to accomplish our goal for this standard.

### Math:

We will work on standard 4.MD.3, Apply the area and perimeter formulas for rectangles in real world and mathematical problems; 4.OA.1, Interpret a multiplication equation as a comparison; and 4.OA.2, Multiply or Divide to solve word problems involving

multiplicative comparison by using drawings and equations.

**Science:**

We will work on unit 2, 4.MD.1, Know the relative sizes of measurement units within one system of units including km, m, cm, kg, g, lb, oz, l, ml, hr, min, sec; and 4MD.2, Use the four questions to solve word problems involving distances, intervals of time, liquid volumes, masses of objects, money, fractions, and decimals.

**Social Studies:**

In social studies we will learn about Geography and historians and questions geographers ask. Students will be able to identify relative and absolute location and the five themes of geography.

The character trait of the month is **Cooperation**.

Students will work on several different activities for the month on this particular trait.

**Miscellaneous:**

We will discuss Thanksgiving and what we are thankful for each and every day.

**Fifth Grade**

**Math**

We began Module 2 in mathematics. In module 2, students apply the patterns of the base ten system to mental strategies and the multiplication and division algorithms. To link to prior learning and set the foundation for understanding the standard multiplication algorithm, students begin at the concrete-pictorial level. They use place value to model multi-digit algorithm of place value units. They will round factors and discuss the reasonableness of their products. Students evaluate and write simple expressions to record their calculations using the associative property and parentheses to record the relevant order.

**ELA**

Lessons and activities address various aspects of a comprehensive language arts curriculum aligned to the Common Core State Standards. The unit will focus on writing, spelling, grammar, or morphology skills. We will have weekly spelling tests on Friday.

**Social Studies**

We will be studying Early American Civilizations. The big idea of this unit is that large complex civilizations, including those of the Maya, Aztec and Inca, developed in the Americas. This unit orients students to the geography, region, climate, flora and fauna of the Americas. It also presents an overall history and timeline highlighting the rise and fall of the Maya, Aztec and Inca

civilizations. In addition, the unit describes innovations and discoveries during this time.

**Sixth Grade**

We have been learning about rates and ratios and are moving into graphs. In ELA, we are halfway through Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief and connecting that with Greek mythology in social studies

**Seventh Grade**

Math: In Mathematics the 7th grade is finish up their Ratios and Proportional Relationships Module. The students will then continuing with and their new module: Rational Numbers following the Eureka Math Engaged NY curriculum.

English Language Arts: The seventh graders are continuing to read A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park. We are progressing along with Module 1 Unit 2 follow the Expeditionary Learning curriculum.

Social Studies: In Social Studies the 7th grade is excited about the Presidential Election. The students are also learning about the conflicts between cultures in Africa and how it relates to their world today.

Science: The seventh grade is following the new State Core Guidelines pertaining to M-Step expectancies. The month of November entails the topic of waves and its application.

**Eighth Grade**

Math: Geometry

English: Reading "To Kill A Mockingbird"

Social Studies: Knowledge of Elections

Science: Upper / Lower Respiratory System and Scientific Method Strategies

Parent Teacher Conference is **MANDATORY**: Stop in to sign up for a scheduled time.

Students can continue extra learning at home on IXL and Study Island. They have their username and password

GO TEAM!!

## Character Education

The character trait for November is **COOPERATION**. We will be discussing what cooperation is and what it looks like among friends, in a small group, as a class, as well as at home.

Please help us model appropriate behavior for **COOPERATION** during November☺

# Attendance Hotline 366-9110

It is very important that each and every day we account for every student. If you know that your child will be absent from school, please contact our **ATTENDANCE HOTLINE ANY TIME DAY OR NIGHT.**

## Attendance Makes a Difference

Please be advised that we have noticed a number of students being tardy or absent on a regular basis. It is very important that your child be on time and present in class each and every day that they are physically able. Our curriculum is based on a more participatory approach and when your child is out...they do miss a lot of important learning. After reviewing each student's report card, if we see a concern regarding attendance, you will receive a letter. If this problem does not improve, we are obligated by law to report the attendance concern to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.



# Parent/Teacher Conferences

As you are aware, we have our first Parent/ Teacher Conferences set for Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. It is very important that you plan to attend at your scheduled conference time with your child's teacher. ***Your child's report card will be released to you at your scheduled conference time.*** This time spent together for the betterment of your child's education is invaluable. Please come prepared with any specific questions you may have so that your 15 minutes can be used to the maximum potential.

If for some reason you cannot keep the scheduled conference time, please call the office to reschedule. Also be mindful that the teachers do try to stay on schedule, so please try your best to be on time. This is a wonderful time to communicate about our common interest; namely, your child. We'll be looking forward to seeing you!

## Lost & Found



Dove's Lost & Found Box is literally overflowing into the hallway! When you are here for conferences, please look through the box and hopefully you can reclaim some missing belongings! After conferences, what is NOT claimed will be donated!

## Parking Lot Reminders



**PLEASE REREAD WHAT WAS WRITTEN AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR!!**

Our arrival and dismissal times need your patience and cooperation!

It is not a secret that Dove Academy faces its own unique challenges when it comes to dropping off and picking up students. However, we **CAN** make the best of it for the safety of our children and the respect of others.

In an effort to do so, we are asking for parents/families to do the following:

1. Please drive **SLOWLY!**
2. Please **DO NOT** play loud music in the parking lot.

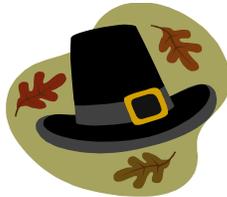
3. Curbside drop-off is the inside lane of Wexford St. and Remington St. parking lots.

4. The second lane is for passing **ONLY**. *It is too dangerous to drop off in the second lane!*

If you have a grandparent or another person picking up your child, at the end of the day, please let them know, so that we can hopefully avoid any problems. Thank you for your cooperation!

We ask our Dove Academy students to follow the rules and we need our adults to do so also during these busy times of the day! **SAFETY** has to be **FIRST** and **FOREMOST!**

Thank you!



**DOVE ACADEMY WILL BE CLOSED THE FOLLOWING DATES IN NOVEMBER:**

**8th (Tuesday) for STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> (Thursday-Friday) for  
THANKSGIVING BREAK**



