



DESERT HAPPENINGS

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January 15	January 17	January 20	January 21	February 3
Minimum Day-TCP	2nd Quarter Ends	No School—MLK, Jr. Day	3rd Quarter Begins	100th Day

DAA Family is Growing!

We would like to extend a warm DAA congratulations to Mrs. Goen & her husband as they are expecting their first child. The teachers, staff, & students were all very excited to hear her announcement upon our return from Christmas vacation. The baby is due in July and we are very happy for her and her family. We are also thrilled to

see our DAA family grow. Many blessings to you, Mrs. Goen!



Sponsorships Needed for Walk-a-Thon

Walk-a-thon sponsorships are needed! We are asking any businesses to provide a \$100 donation which will put their name and/or logo on the back of our Walk-a-Thon t-shirts. If you own your own business, work for a business, or know of a business who would like to participate, please give them our Walk-a-Thon Sponsorship form to fill out. We need forms, donations, and logos to be turned in no later than January 17 in order to get them on the shirts. Extra forms can be picked up at the office.

DAA'S NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

Several students at DAA were asked to share their New Year's Resolutions. These were their responses:

- Kaylee Lopez, 2nd**—To play soccer
- Keegan Harlan, 3rd**— To practice soccer more
- Brody Wade, 3rd**—To play more sports
- MiriamEsther Galan, 3rd**—To do my homework
- Sydney Rodriguez, 4th**—To be nicer & helpful
- Natasha Lukemire, 4th**—To take a singing class
- Jillian Coffin, 5th**—Get A+ grades
- Brayden Rich, 5th**—To get good

- grades
- Joridane Rada, 5th**—To play more videogames
- Zachary Leiske, 5th**—To get better grades
- Alexander Leiske, 5th**—To play with friends more
- Dana Ramos, 5th**—To study more about God
- Isabella Allen, 6th**—To get more practice in golf
- Gianna Fernandez, 6th**—To get better at volleyball to do a spike
- Aryiana Lukemire, 6th**—To get more videogames
- Ariana Avalos, 7th**— To get more kids in our 7th & 8th class
- Emely Gonzalez, 8th**— To put God first in everything I do

Minimum Day on Wednesday

All students have a minimum day this Wednesday, January 15 due to teacher curriculum planning in the afternoon. There will be NO hot lunch but after School Care will be open 12:00-5:30 pm.

Hot Lunch:	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Jan 13-16	Pizza	Burritos	Minimum Day	Vegetarian Tacos

Cooler Weather Brings Increase of Jackets

With the cooler weather we are starting to see an increase of jackets and sweat-shirts. This also means most of them will be found in the gym, After School Care, or outside. Please be sure to label your child's jackets/sweatshirts with their name or initials so they can find their owners. Also frequently check our school's "Lost and Found" for items that don't return home. The box is located just outside of Mrs. Moen's office just left on the 7th & 8th grade classroom door. Thank You.

Bible Text of the Week

"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him"

Lamentations 3:22-24



New Year Fun Facts:

- 45% of Americans make New Year's resolutions with the top including: to lose weight, get organized, & save more money.
- Of the 45% Americans, 25% give up by the second week of January.
- About 1 million people gather in New York City's Times Square to watch the ball drop. The "ball" started due to a ban on fireworks.
- *Auld Lang Syne* is a song traditionally sung at the end of New Year's parties. Though most people do not know the words, the overall message is to remember your loved ones and keep them close in your heart.

CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT:

2nd-4th Grade Start New Year with New Students

Arrghh Mateys...The Scarlet Rose Pirates welcomed two new mates onto our ship this week. We are so excited to have both Nevan Owsley and Luke Tenebruso in our class and are excited to learn more about them as the year progresses. As we are moving into the new year, we are going to have a blast in science navigating our way through a unit on life sciences. I am hoping that we

can do some fun experiments where we can use our microscopes to look at the parts of plants and learn more about animals. In social studies, the pirates are learning about the economy and are embarking on an awesome project where they will use their knowledge of economics to create a product. Every morning, we are practicing our multiplication tables through fun rap songs created by "Rock n

Learn" and learning about different single and multi-digit multiplication along with fun tricks to make learning come alive on our ship. We cannot wait to learn so much together.

- Mrs. Rivas

