

DeSoto Intermediate

ADEL DESOTO MINBURN COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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TIGER TECH CLUB

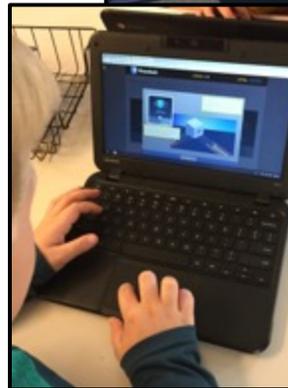
Last week, the high school Tech Club brought their skills and teaching to DeSoto Intermediate to provide an afterschool opportunity to forty-five 3rd-5th graders. Students participated in three stations included Cyber Defense, Game Design and Robotics. Students had a great time learning from the teens and an excitement about technology related topics was evident. Below are a few of the links used that you are welcome to use at home if your child is interested in this type of learning. We are hopeful that the Tech Club will return later this year, so we could provide this opportunity to even more students!

Cyber Defense Game-

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/labs/lab/cyber/>

Game Design Game-

<https://codecombat.com/>



COMMUNITY- HOLIDAY GIVING

During the month of December, the students and staff at DeSoto Intermediate have the opportunity to give back to the community. AHeinz 57 Pet Rescue and Transport in DeSoto, IA helps to support dogs in finding owners that will provide a safe home. Donated items can be brought to school from December 4th – 19th. We hope you'll take this opportunity to instill the gift of giving in your children by supporting our animal friends in the community. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Items needed are on this link: <https://www.aheinz57.com/wish-list/>

REINDEER GAMES

On December 21st, DeSoto Intermediate students will take part in the 5th annual Reindeer Games! This event provides mixed grade level activities & stations to have a little fun before the holiday break. The theme for this year's Reindeer Games is Candy Land Christmas. Stations include Reindeer Ring Toss, Candy Cane Fishing and Bubble Gum Blow.

We are looking for parents who are willing to run the stations from approx. 12:00-3:00 pm on Dec. 21st.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044faea92ca5ff2-reindeer>

The students enjoy dress up days, which are voluntary and outlined in the email.

ALL THINGS PBIS

DeSoto Intermediate uses PBIS as a framework for pre-teaching and acknowledging behavior expectations. This is an important part of our school. PBIS not only unifies our staff and students, but sharing behavior expectations sets students up for success and maximizes instructional time. Below are some features of PBIS at our school in the area of recognizing positive behavior.

SCHOOL-WIDE BUCKET: Students are verbally recognized for displaying respectful, responsible and safe behaviors throughout the day. Sometimes, a ticket accompanies this acknowledgement. As a school, we accumulate the tickets received.

CLASS BUCKET FILLING: Each classroom celebrates filling their bucket. This quarter, a mustache photo was taken. We are nearing 100 bucket fillings for the school so far this year!

INSTANT WINNERS: During the school year, we have celebrated over 100 instant winners. Random tickets have a sticker signaling that student should come to the office to get a certificate and have their name read on Friday's intercom announcements!

FRIDAY PICTURES: Each Friday two student tickets are chosen from each classroom bucket. These children gather in the commons to get a grade level picture taken that will be displayed in the main hallway.

As a staff, we value students feeling intrinsically motivated and proud of their accomplishments. Through these four ways shared above and many others, students can value their accomplishments by celebrating with a sense of pride!



Classroom dumping their class bucket into the school bucket.

CONTACT INFORMATION

The DeSoto Intermediate School Office is open Monday- Friday 7:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

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UPCOMING DATES

Study Table offered every Tuesday and Thursday after school. Transportation provided.

- Dec. 21- Reindeer Games- [Volunteer Sign-Up](#)
- Dec. 22- 12:45 Early Out- Winter Break Begins
- Jan. 3- School Resumes
- Jan. 12- 12:45 Early Out- end of quarter reporting
- Jan. 15- No School- Prof. Development
- Jan. 31- 12:45 Early Out- Professional Development
- Feb. 16- No School- Professional Development
- Feb. 21- 12:45 Early Out- Professional Development

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