

DeSoto Intermediate

ADEL DESOTO MINBURN COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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STEM FAMILY NIGHT

Save the date! The DeSoto Intermediate School first annual Family STEM Night will be on Thursday, February 22nd from 5:30-7 pm at DeSoto Intermediate School.

Join us for this event, which will be hosted at DeSoto Intermediate School. We will spend the evening engaged in hands-on activities involving Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. The evening will be a fun night designed to open young minds and explore STEM possibilities. Mark your calendars. More information to come...



DARE AT DESOTO INTERMEDIATE

Officer Monte Keller of the Adel Police Department, will begin DARE classes with the fifth grade students after winter break. The DARE program consists of nine lessons focused on problem solving skills, personal safety, drug and alcohol prevention, conflict resolution, and violence prevention. The fifth grade DARE classes will conclude into late March/early April with a DARE graduation taking place at the DeSoto Intermediate gym. The graduation takes place during the school day and we would welcome visitors to attend. The exact date and time of the graduation will be shared closer to the conclusion of 5th grade DARE. Officer Keller provides four DARE classes for 3rd grade at the end of the school year.



Students from DeSoto Intermediate School deliver donations to AHeinz Pet Rescue.

REINDEER GAMES

On December 21st, DeSoto Intermediate students took part in the exciting annual celebration called Reindeer Games. Students enjoyed three stations as well as a sing-along in the music room.

A huge thank you to our parent volunteers who helped run the stations, repair materials, and keep the flow at each station. We are so grateful for the time you took to assist with the Reindeer Games.

SNACK IDEAS

Healthy snacks can be an important part of the day to give brains a boost between long stretches of meals. We ask that you avoid sending snacks that are high in fat or empty calories, such as cookies and chips.

A reminder about the ADM Allergy and Snack policy: All snacks and treats must be prepacked with an ingredients list. Snacks must be sent to school in the original, unopened container. Whole fruits are encouraged.

Here are some ideas that you might want to consider if you are in a snack rut:

- Bag of already popped popcorn
- Granola bars
- Individual bags of pretzels
- Cheese sticks
- Frozen yogurt tubes
- Box of raisins or dried fruit

Some students prefer to bring a larger box of snacks and portion off some of the snack from day to day.

That works well for many students.

If you have any questions or need other ideas, feel free to contact your child's teacher or the school nurse.

Camp Invention Returns to ADM

Camp Invention needs your help to invent the future! This year's theme is FAST FORWARD where students are presented with fun, hands-on activities that encourage creative problem solving, teamwork, entrepreneurship and curiosity.

At Camp Invention we will:

- **EXPLORE the technology behind self-driving cars and invent a vehicle of the future**
- **DESIGN futuristic dream homes with smart furniture and smart energy**
- **BUILD and personalize a robotic dog and compare the inner mechanics to the biology of living animals.**

You'll find lots more fun things to do at Camp Invention. Camp will be held on June 18-22 from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm for students in grades K-6 and will be led by ADM teachers.

Register before March 23 and save \$25.00! For more information, call [800-968-4332](tel:800-968-4332) or www.campinvention.org.

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.

- Jan. 12- 12:45 Early Out-end of quarter reporting
- Jan. 15- No School- Profess. Development
- Jan. 31- 12:45 Early Out- Professional Development
- Feb. 2-9- Iowa Assessment Testing for Grades 3-8
- Feb. 16- No School- Professional Development
- Feb. 21- 12:45 Early Out- Professional Development
- Feb. 22- STEM Family Night at DeSoto Intermediate- 5:30-7:00 pm

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