

FEBRUARY 2022

FM FAMILY ZONE

FOUR MILE ELEMENTARY'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

The Importance of School Attendance

Your Four Mile Elementary staff has high expectations for your child's growth and learning. We know that you also have many hopes and dreams for your child's success in school and beyond. To make sure those hopes and dreams are realized, we want to ask for your commitment in making sure your child attends school every day possible for the rest of this year. The evidence is clear: children with good attendance are more likely to be successful in school. High attendance rates are linked to learning achievement. This is true for every grade.

Every day counts. Missing school even 10% of the time has a significant negative impact on reading and math achievement as children progress through school. Absences also impact a child's ability to socially and emotionally connect with friends and adults.

Good attendance starts early. Research indicates that the children with high attendance habits in the early grades continue to have good attendance; and students with low attendance in the early grades are more likely to have low attendance—and lower academic performance—throughout their elementary years, middle school years and high school school years.

I am asking for your support in helping your child be in the classroom before 8:55a.m. everyday and to stay all day until the dismissal bell rings. Your child needs to be in school and engaged in learning to reach his or her full potential.

We realize that some absences will be necessary. We recognize that we are in the season of pandemic, on top of the regular winter illness challenges such as strep throat and influenza. Please let the school know if your family needs help with a challenge to your students' attendance. We will do our best to help you and your family ensure that your child's school attendance stays on track. Thank you for all you do to support your child's school success and well-being.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Steenhoek



IT IS WINTER WONDERLAND WEEK!

Monday, Jan. 31- January Gym Day- Dress like Coach Kruse or Mrs. Kielman

Tuesday, Feb. 1- Stocking Hats and Slippers Day

Wednesday, Feb. 2- White Out

Thursday, Feb. 3- SWINTER Day (Summer Mix Up Day!)

Friday, Feb. 4- Flannel Friday

MEET LILY!



Lili is an ARL certified TheraPet. Lili's owner is Mrs. Laurie Wyatt, newly retired & former Southeast Polk's Learning Supports Coordinator. We are excited about Lili and Laurie's weekly Tuesday visits as we know that animal companionship brings joy, comfort, relaxation, and emotional support.

calendar of events

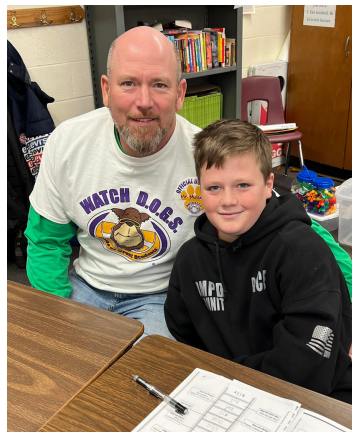
- February 8- PTA Meeting in the FM Media Center, 6:30pm (childcare provided)
- February 14- Valentines Day Parties (2:45-3:45pm)
- February 24- 2nd Grade Vocal Concert (6:30pm)
- February 24- 3rd Grade Vocal Concert (7:30pm)
- March 2- Read Across America Day
- March 4- Report Cards Go Home
- Saturday, March 5- Four Mile Quiz Bowl
- March 8- P/T Conferences 4pm-8pm
- March 10- P/T Conferences 12:30-7:30pm
- March 11- No School

PTA News

- The PTA is busy planning our Annual Quiz Bow for Saturday, March 5! Please be looking for important information that will be coming home soon with your student(s). Please reach out to us if you have a business interested in donating services or a basket to be raffled off at the celebration.
- Our next meeting will be February 8th from 6:30-7:30 in the Four Mile media center. Child care is provided.
- Family spirit night will be at the Ankeny Chic-Fil-A on February 21st from 5-8. We will get a portion of all sales that say they are here for the Four Mile spirit night. Tell your friends and family!!!
- Don't forget to use **Amazon Smile** (smile.amazon.com). Every time you order from Amazon, choose Four Mile Elementary School PTA as the charity.

Watch D.O.G.S are back!

WATCH D.O.G.S. (Dads Of Great Students) is a Four Mile family and community engagement educational initiative. Mrs. Michele Simpson, Four Mile's Instructional Coach coordinates our program. The goal of our program is to provide positive male role models for the students, demonstrating by their presence that education is important. A second objective is to provide extra sets of eyes and ears to enhance school security and reduce bullying.



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