



KCCS/DAP NEWSLETTER

November 2018



DATES TO REMEMBER

- * Fri., Nov. 2nd - Half Day Early Dismissal
- * Sun. Nov. 4th - Daylight Saving Time Ends - Fall Back one hour
- * Tues. Nov. 6th - Election Day - School Closed
- * Thurs. Nov. 8th - Report Cards Issued
- * Monday, Nov. 12th - Veterans Day observed - Schools Closed
- * Wed. Nov. 14th - ABC Community Workshop - Main Site - 6:00pm
- * Mon. Nov. 19th & Tues., Nov. 20th - Parent Conferences - Schools Closed
- * Wed. Nov. 21st - Schools Closed/ Offices open
- * Thurs. Nov. 22nd & Fri. Nov. 23rd - Thanksgiving Holiday - Schools closed



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HOMECOMING HIGHLIGHTS

KCCS students show their artistic talents by providing art work for our homecoming float.

NOVEMBER STUDENT'S OF THE MONTH

ZORI EVANS - Mrs. Michelle Barry - Pre-K at Main Site

Zori is an extremely fun girl! Once she joined our classroom she jumped right into the routine. She listens to her teachers and loves to participate in all activities. Zori is an awesome helper, and helps all of her friends clean up at meal times. Every morning Zori shows us her cool dance moves during circle time! She is working hard and learning more every day!

HARRISON HITE - Mrs. Crystal Bloodsworth - 2nd grade at KCCS @ BTW

Mrs. Bloodsworth's class would like to nominate Harrison Hite as November's student of the month! In the past year, Harrison has made remarkable progress toward all of his academic and self-regulatory goals! We cannot wait to see what the rest of the year will hold for him!

MILTON MAY - Mrs. Dee Dixon - Pre-K at Main Site

Ms. Ericka and I have chosen Milton May as our student of the month. We have seen growth in Milton's speech, in classroom participation, with attention to task, with smoother transitions, and with using PECs for communication. When asked how he is during our circle song, Milton will answer "good," before pushing the Big Mac. When it is time for his classmates to answer the same question he will offer help if they take too long. Milton participates when asked to go up to the Smart Board to complete a task and will easily let another classmate have a turn when asked. He will check his schedule board with minimal direction and will go onto the next activity with little resistance. Ms. Ericka has started using PECs with Milton during breakfast and he is doing very well with that. Milton enjoys swimming on Wednesdays. He sits on the bench and patiently waits while we put the swimmies on him and his classmates. When it is his turn to get into the pool he jumps right in. Milton is also very good on the balance beam out on the playground. When given encouragement he will walk back and forth on it several times. He is so comfortable with it he will sometimes try to jump on it but he's not quite ready for that.

CHARLEIGH SKRIPKO - Mrs. Chelsey Cubbage - Pre-K at Main Site

We are proud to announce that Charleigh Skripko is November's Student of the Month!!! Charleigh has been a great student and wonderful asset to our classroom. Charleigh enjoys playing with her friends, singing, telling jokes, being a helper, swimming, and playing outside. Charleigh is always a friendly face in the hallway and is willing to help her friends. A few of Charleigh's accomplishments....Always a participant in all classroom activities. Identifying all uppercase letters and almost all lower case letters consistently. Being a leader. Working hard on writing her name and other letters.

ASHWIN VEERA - Mrs. Allyson Roxby - Pre-K at Main Site

Mrs. Roxby's class is proud to have Ashwin Veera as their student of the month! Ashwin has done a great job with his IEP goal, and is ready for an early update since he's made so much progress. Mrs. Roxby and Ms. Jenn are especially excited that Ashwin is saying more words with his mouth open. He's also been ready and willing to explore various textures, temperatures and foods with his hands. He has also tried a few things in his mouth! Ashwin has begun to put non-food items into his mouth and we're hoping he'll start putting some more new foods in there, too! Ashwin is putting on his socks and shoes by himself, using the potty on occasion, and singing along with circle time songs. These are all things that he wasn't doing at the beginning of his time in our class.

GABRIEL WALL - Mrs. Sammi Leloux - 2nd grade at Main Site

Gabriel Wall is Ms. Sammi's student of the month for November! Gabe has made leaps and bounds since the beginning of the school year in communication and academics. Gabe has shown tremendous growth in ELA and has already moved to Level 2 in our Early Literacy Skills Builder curriculum. He loves learning and reading with Moe! Gabe has also mastered identifying and spelling his name. Gabe is now working on the computer program, Tech Town. Last year, he was not able to work on this program due to lack of attentiveness. Now, Gabe is able to remain on task on the computer for up to 15 minutes! His overall attention to task has greatly increased, leading to his tremendous growth! Gabe has made the most progress in communication! He can scan his entire communication book for the item that he wants to request. At the beginning of the year, he was working from a field of two! Gabe is now working on traveling and being responsible for his communication book. We are so proud of Gabe and cannot wait to see the amazing things that he will accomplish this year!

OMAR ZERRAD - Ms. Laura Hoffman - Kindergarten at KCCS/BTW

Omar has been a great role model for our class. Omar works hard in all academic subjects. Omar has made an effort to learn about all of our classmates. Omar has shared toys (without being asked). Omar has tutored those who need extra help in reading.

CELEBRATE EDUCATION WEEK

KCCS is celebrating our hard-working teachers who dedicate their all in providing a quality education to our special students. Teachers are not the only ones that provide outstanding work and contributions. Celebrate bus drivers, paraeducators, cafeteria workers, school nurses, school secretaries, and custodians—plus countless others! KCCS would like to give a great big shout out to students and parents, too, and the community at large that support quality public education for every student.



DISTRICT NEWS

School Choice Opens November 5, 2018

School Choice opens for Capital families on November 5, 2018 and will run through January 9, 2019. The district is accepting applications for choice Kindergarten/Kindergarten Immersion through 12th grade. All students must be enrolled in their district of residence and feeder pattern school prior to submitting an application to Capital School District. Applications may be obtained at the district office located at 198 Commerce Way, Dover, or at any school in the Capital School District. Questions may be directed to the Office of Student Services at 302-857-4237.

American Education Week is November 12-16, 2018

Public schools are the cornerstone of our communities. Capital School District is celebrating American Education Week during the week of November 12-16. This week presents a wonderful opportunity to celebrate public education and honor individuals who are making a difference in the lives of our children – teachers, paraprofessionals, substitutes, support staff, and administrators. In Capital, we focus on "Meeting the Needs of the Whole Child." We welcome all students where educators join together to improve student success through engagement, connection, collaboration, sharing and communication. This is also a time to thank parents/guardians/caregivers for working with us as a team to ensure we are meeting the needs of the whole child.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent teacher conferences are scheduled for November 19 and 20 for grades K-8. Parents may request a conference for grades 9-12 by contacting the individual teacher with whom you wish to speak or the Dover High School guidance office.

Parents need to take an active role in their child's education. Here are some tips for parent/teacher conferences. Do your homework - prepare by writing notes to yourself and ask important questions concerning:

The school's programs or policies.

What are my child's strengths and weaknesses?

How does my child get along with classmates?

Is my child working up to his/her ability? Where could he/she use improvement?

What can we do at home to support what you are doing in the classroom?

After the conference, stay in touch with your child's teacher or teachers throughout the year to keep the communication lines open. Remember, this is a team effort.

Capital School District's Teaching and Learning Model

Capital School District is committed to meeting the needs of the whole child. As a result, the district developed its Teaching and Learning Model. This model, also referred to as the Instructional Model, was developed by staff, parents and community members. It defines a course of action for teachers to meet the academic, social and emotional needs of the whole child. It identifies the attributes we seek to build into daily teaching and learning of all of our students. The work that happens every day across our schools and classrooms brings the Teaching and Learning Model to life. There are five components of the model. Teaching and Learning shall be:

Delivered in a Safe and Supportive Environment

Measured through Dynamic Assessment

Focused on Rigorous Instruction

Organized for Personalized Learning

Built to be Standards Based

The Family Guide may be viewed on Capital School District's web site under Strategic Plan or through this link:

https://www.capital.k12.de.us/academics/teaching_and_learning_model

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