

ROOSTER TALES

SEPTEMBER 2023

Damar Elementary School Goals

By Thelma Berland

Well, another year!!!! One part of Damar Elementary School's goal, is addressing the social/emotional development of our students. The district has chosen the curriculum "Cloud 9". This note is to make you aware of how this is being taught so that you, too, can reinforce the concepts with your child. Each month a different positive characteristic trait is introduced in the classroom or as a school assembly. For the entire month students learn about the targeted trait such as "patience" for example. Each time they demonstrate and act using that trait, school staff will have the opportunity to "catch them" then place their name on the board in the hall for all to see! At the end of the month a drawing will be held of those students whose names were on the list. We, teachers, think this is the best way to not just teach about being of good character but the children need to "practice to learn". We hope you also take the time to talk about and encourage your child to use these traits so that they become second nature. We have a wonderful group of children in our school but understanding the importance of these character traits hopefully will increase their positive behavior!

The characteristic traits chosen for this year are as follows:

September: **Perseverance** is being committed in your heart and persistent in your effort. You commit to your goals and overcome obstacles, no matter how long it takes. When the going gets rough and you figure out a way to hang in there and reach your goals, you are showing perseverance.

October: **Self-Control** is when you are in charge of what you do and what you say. You use self-control to listen and follow directions. You keep calm and speak to others in a kind way at all times. Self-control helps you not do things that may be harmful to yourself and others. Self-control helps you stay safe, be successful, and create peace.

November: **Tolerance** is about accepting people for who they are — not about accepting bad behavior. Tolerance also means treating others the way you would like to be treated.

December: **Generosity** is the desire to give what you have to others. Generous people are not selfish. They want to help those in need and are always willing to share.

January: **Commitment** means doing what needs to be done regardless of your talents or your mood. Even if you are sad, mad, tired or something better comes along you still need to follow through on a commitment.

February: **Respect** Being respectful means you act in a way that shows care for how your actions may impact others. We can show respect for people, places, and things.

March: **Forgiveness** means different things to different people. But in general, it involves an intentional decision to let go of resentment and anger. The act that hurt or offended you might always be with you. But working on forgiveness can lessen that act's grip on you.

April: **Patience** is being able to wait for something while having a positive attitude and

without getting upset.

We hope to offer more information as the year progresses but please take time to “discuss” and “catch” your child using these traits. We want everyone to have a great year...that means the teachers as well will practice all the same traits!!!!

Back To School Bash A Great Success

By Kimberley Eichman

Thank you to the Palco Lions Club for the Back To School Bash, held on Sunday evening August 27th. It was very enjoyable spending the evening with you. The weather was great. We were entertained by the Little Rooster Cheer team and cheerleaders with cheers and a dance. There was music games, and lots of giveaways. Everyone enjoyed the free delicious BBQ.

Thank you again for the Back to School Bash and your hard work to make it a successful fun event to kick off the new school year.

Save Up To Date With the USD 269 Notifier

By Kimberley Eichman

Have you signed up to receive USD 269 text messages? Stay up to date with school cancellations and activity notices by signing up for text message alerts. To sign up, visit usd269.net. Click on the green box (Sign up for News Update) at the bottom right-hand side of the page. The follow the steps. It only takes a few minutes to make sure you are informed. Please call the PJSHS or DES office if you have questions.

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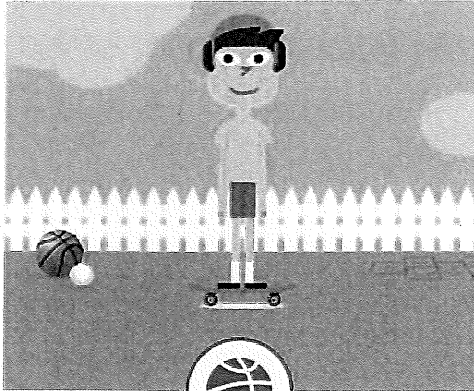
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Labor Day

6 Benefits of Play

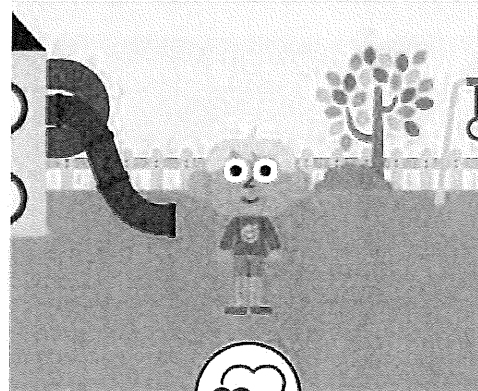
by Mrs. McNamee

Play isn't all fun and games – it's also an important teaching tool! Through play, kids learn how to interact with others and develop critical lifelong skills. These 6 benefits all play an important role in raising well-rounded children.



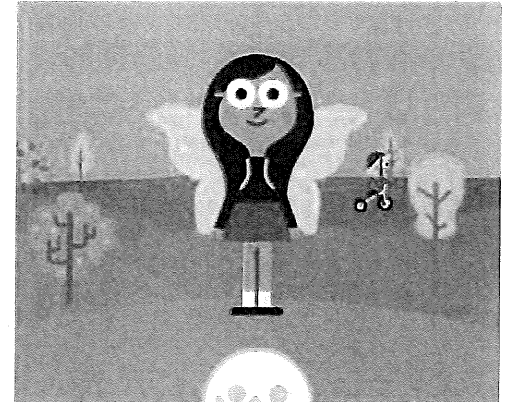
PHYSICAL

Active play helps kids with coordination, balance, motor skills, and spending their natural energy (which promotes better eating and sleeping habits).



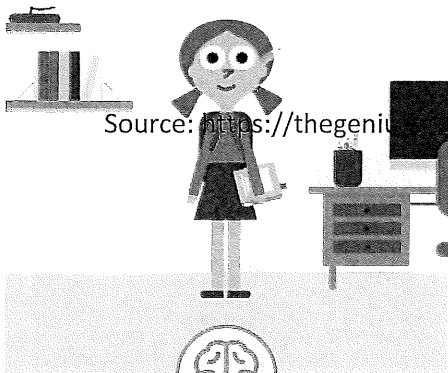
EMOTIONAL

During play, kids learn to cope with emotions like fear, frustration, anger, and aggression in a situation they control. They can also practice empathy and understanding.



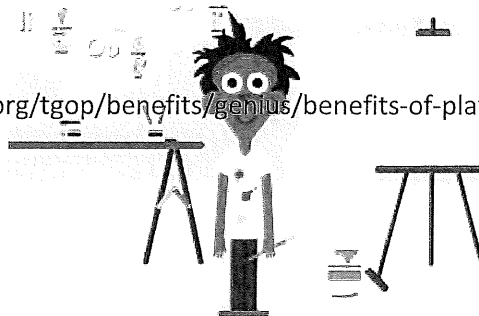
SOCIAL

Playing with others helps kids negotiate group dynamics, collaborate, compromise, deal with others' feelings, and share – the list goes on.



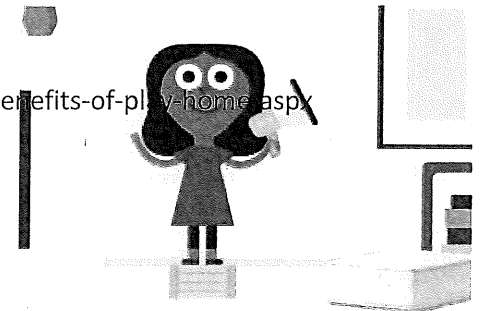
COGNITIVE

Children learn to think, read, remember, reason, and pay attention through play.



CREATIVE

By allowing imaginations to run wild during play, kids create new worlds, and form unique ideas and solutions to challenges.



COMMUNICATION

Play lets kids exchange thoughts, information, or messages by speech, signals, writing, or actions.

Source: <https://thegeniusplay.org/tgop/benefits/genius/benefits-of-play/benefits-of-play-home.aspx>



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ♦ ♦ ♦

September 2023

- 1 HS FB vs. Stockton @ Logan 7 PM
- 2 HS-JH Cross Country @ TMP 9 AM
- 4 NO SCHOOL Labor Day
- 5 HS VB Wheatland/Grinnell, Quinter @ Grainfield 4 PM
- 6 Yearbook Ad Sales
- 7 HS-JH Cross Country Stockton @ Webster 4 PM
JH Grinnell/Wheatland @ Grinnell VB 4 PM FB 6 PM
- 8 HS FB @ Linn 7 PM 8-17 Kansas State Fair
- 9 HS VB Sylvan Invitational 8 AM
JH VB Tournament @ Bazine 9 AM
- 10 4-H 7 PM
- 11 B.O.E. Mtg. 7:30 PM 11-15 Fastbridge Testing
- 12 Yearbook Workshop @ Ellis
HS VB Weskan, Triplains, Cheylin @ Brewster 3 PM
- 13 Dairy Cattle Judging @ Bird City 9 AM
- 14 HS-JH Cross Country @ WaKeeney 4:30 PM
- 15 HS FB Lakeside @ Downs 7 PM
- 19 HS VB Oberlin, Dighton @ Oberlin 4:30 PM
- 20 District Land Judging @ Osborne 9 AM
- 21 HS-JH Cross Country @ Osborne 4 PM
JH Cheylin @ Bird City VB 4 PM FB 6 PM
- 22 HS FB Thunder Ridge @ Kensington 7 PM
- 23 HS VB Osborne Round Robin 8 AM
District Dodgeball @ Ellis 10 AM
- 25 JH VB Western Plains/Healy, Lacrosse @ Damar 4:30 PM
- 26 HS VB Western Plains, Quinter @ Logan 4:30 PM
- 27 Yearbook Ad Sales
- 28 HS-JH Cross Country @ Ness City 4 PM
JH Stockton @ Damar VB 4 PM FB 6 PM
- 29 HS FB Wheatland/Grinnell @ Palco 7 PM Homecoming Parade 2:30 PM Crowning 6:30 PM
- 30 HS VB Cougar Invitational @ Mankato 9 AM
Homecoming Dance 8 PM

