



The Four Corners

~ Where We Come Together ~

Dear Four Corners Families,

As we reflect on the season of gratitude, I'm filled with pride and appreciation for all that makes our school community special. During the month of November we began with our Junior Coaches program, giving fourth grade students an opportunity to be recess game leaders for their younger peers. Our fourth graders also led a wonderful and well-attended All-School Assembly with a medieval theme and a song about area and perimeter.

Spirit Week was a great success, and our staff spirits were lifted even further for those who chose to be Thankfulness Secret Buddies over the past couple of weeks. The Turkey Trot was super fun, and thanks are due to our wonderful staff and to the PTO for supporting us with refreshments at the end. Finally, a big shout-out to teachers and students: our school-wide approach to small group instruction based on the science of reading is producing amazing results!

On the subject of reading, your child should have brought home the **Reading Log** and instructions provided by the Springfield Thunderbirds (we can provide another if you don't find it). Students who complete the log and return it to us during the week of January 5th will receive a free ticket to a hockey game! Parents will also be sent a link so that you can purchase additional discounted tickets. The date of the game is January 24, 2026.

We hope that you and your family enjoyed some special times over the Thanksgiving break, and we look forward to a productive few weeks in December before the next school break.

Please mark your calendars -- on **December 12th at 2pm**, we will have our **Winter Concert**. We will hear from K-4 singers, the 4th grade Blast-Off Band, and Strings for Kids. Invite your friends and family!

Mr. Potter 😊



Dates to Remember

December 2nd- PTO Meeting 5-6pm

December 12th at 2pm - Winter Concert! We will hear from K-4 singers, 4th grade Blast-Off Band, and Strings for Kids. Invite your friends and family!

December 23rd- Half Day- Read All Day- December Vacation Begins



Mission Moment

Community - Safety - Resilience - Kindness

Students (and teacher) in Ms. Rancourt's class made castles out of cardboard to go with their ELA unit on Medieval Times.





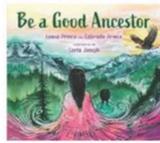
BEHIND THE SHELVES: LIBRARY NEWS



STUDENT AUTHORS



Newton students Jaccari, Joyce, and Summer in Ms. Skiff's 3rd grade class have been excitedly creating their own books. The books are now part of the library collection! The students have been reading their books aloud to their class during library time, and doing Q&A sessions. Congratulations to our young authors and illustrators!



REMINDER



Third and fourth graders are able to bring one library book home each week. Please help remind your student to return their book. Thank you!

Staff Spotlight



Mr. Potter

Role: School Principal



Mrs. Thayer

Role: Special Education Teacher

Years in the Role: 30 years

Years in the Role: This is my first year as the Principal of DSFC. I have been a school principal and administrator for 10+ years, and I began my career in 1994 as a Spanish bilingual elementary teacher.

What sports team or entertainment makes you cheer the loudest?: Any Green Wave team!

What is your favorite place you've ever traveled to?: Hawaii and Maine

What sports team or entertainment makes you cheer the loudest?: The Celtics

If you could have any superpower, what would it be?: To spread kindness to all!

What is your favorite place you've ever traveled to?: Scotland

Why do you love being a part of DSFC & the Green Wave Nation?: I am born and raised in Greenfield, attended GPS and am a GHS alumni. Green Wave nation is in my blood!

If you could have any superpower, what would it be?: To travel back in time!

Why do you love being a part of DSFC & the Green Wave Nation?: It's a fabulous community of great-spirited people!



December Lunch Menu

DECEMBER 2025 MENU - ELEMENTARY

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
1 Fiesta Kickin' Vegetarian Chili Cornbread assorted vegetables orange slices	2 RODEO BURGER Ranchero beans, onion rings assorted fruit and vegetables	3 Chicken pot pie topped with biscuit assorted fruit and vegetables	4 Burrito Bowl with chicken, black beans, rice salsa, sour cream, street corn salad, pineapple	5 Pizza garden salad, assorted fruit 
8 Mozzarella sticks veggie chicken nuggets smiley fries, fruit	9 Chicken Tikka Masala Curry naan bread Basmati rice fruit, assorted veg	10 Ham and Cheese Melt on Croissant local carrots, fruit	11 Shepherd's Pie with beef, mashed potato, corn, roll, mixed vegetables	12 Pizza salad, assorted fruit 
15 French Toast egg omelet, vegetarian sausage hash browns strawberries, local carrots	16 Chicken Parm cauliflower, kiwi Try-it Tuesday: Field Pea Fritter & tzatziki sauce	17 Pasta with meat sauce assorted fruits and vegetables	18 Enchiladas with butternut squash & black beans	19 Pizza assorted vegetables, fruit
22 Mac n Cheese broccoli, fruit	23 DELI SANDWICH Carrots, Apple Grins Fun chips	24 NO SCHOOL WINTER VACATION	25 NO SCHOOL WINTER VACATION	26 NO SCHOOL WINTER VACATION

Free Breakfast & Lunch, available for all students every day!

Available every day:
 Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich,
 Cheese sandwich

Daily Alternates
 Monday: Nacho kit
 Tues: DIY Pizza Kit
 Wed: Breakfast Sandwich
 Thurs: Bagel and Yogurt
 Friday: Chicken Patty
Meals are served with assorted fruit, vegetables, milk

-A milk with no meal: \$0.60

Project Bread Food Resource
 hotline: 1-800-645-8333

Harvest of the Month



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Recipe of the Month

Hello families!

This November, I (Chef Kyle Zegel) was back in the cafeteria serving up a delicious sample of a locally sourced, scratch made recipe. November's harvest of the month is kale in all its curly, green, late fall glory, so I decided to make kale black bean quesadillas using some abundantly available local kale!

Of the 84 students who tried the sample, 50% reported they "loved it" and 27% reported they "liked it". We asked students for direct feedback and received some great suggestions like substituting beans for grilled chicken. This program's primary goal is to get more local farm produce and scratch cooking into school meals guided by student voice, so this is a great example of trying something and listening to students feedback in order to improve the recipe. Check out the recipe card below, so you can cook these quesadillas at home and let us know what you think!

Happy cooking!

Chef Kyle

P.S. - If you would like to volunteer to help out during these monthly taste tests, please reach out to the PTO for details





November

HARVEST OF THE MONTH

KALE

KALE QUESADILLA RECIPE

Serves: 4 **Prep/Cook Time:** 20 min

INGREDIENTS:

- 4 whole grain tortillas - 10 inch
- 1 cup black beans - drained
- 2 cups packed kale - rinsed, stemmed, and finely chopped
- 1 ½ cup shredded cheddar
- Neutral cooking oil
- Kosher salt and black pepper to taste
- ¼ tsp onion powder
- ¼ tsp garlic powder
- ⅛ tsp chili powder
- ⅛ tsp ground cumin
- 1 TBSP fresh lime juice



DIRECTIONS:

- Preheat the oven to 375F.
- In a large frying pan over medium heat, cook the kale in a TBSP of oil. Once it's wilted down to half its size, add in all of the spices and stir, cooking for 1 minute.
- Add the drained beans to the pan and cook for about 3-5 minutes. If you like a refried bean consistency, you can use a potato masher to break the filling down more.
- Add lime juice, cook for 2 minutes and then remove from heat.
- On a sheet pan, fill one half of each tortilla with ½ cup of filling and 3 oz of cheddar cheese. Fold in half, press down, lightly coat with oil, and bake in the oven for 6-8 minutes. Enjoy!



Health Information from the Nurse

December Nurses Corner

Please click to see the important information shared from our school nurse!

PTO Preview

Hello DSFC Families!

Thank you for supporting our Charleston Wrap fundraiser. We sold over \$2300, which raised \$890!
Your continued support in our fundraisers is so appreciated.

Join us on Wednesday 12/31 for our Movie Fundraiser, Search for SpongeBob at the Garden Cinemas! More information will be sent home with students this month.

Our next PTO hybrid meeting will be held on Tuesday December 2, 2025 at 5 pm in the library and via Zoom. All are welcome to join us! Check out our Facebook page for more information and meeting link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/discoveryschoolatfourcorners/?ref=share>



Mr. Potter

Principal

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