SPPS Adds Two Days to Winter Break

The Board of Education recently approved a change to the school calendar that adds two days to the beginning of this year’s winter break.

There will be no school for all SPPS students on Monday, December 20, and Tuesday, December 21. Students will return to school on Monday, January 3, 2022.

This change is being made in an effort to acknowledge the stress and challenges students, families and staff are facing due to the pandemic. The district wants to give students, school staff and their families a longer break. We also encourage everyone to use this time to get vaccinated or get your booster shot if you are eligible.

Discovery Club will be offered on Monday and Tuesday, December 20-21, for currently enrolled families. Athletics and other previously scheduled extracurricular activities will continue on both days.

In order to allow for this change to our school year calendar, April 15, which had been scheduled as a professional development day for school staff, will now be a digital learning day.

Thank you for your support of SPPS and for your efforts to support the health and wellness of your family and those around you.

Dayton’s Bluff Achievement Plus
School-Wide Improvement Plan Survey
December 2021

We are checking in with families to see how Dayton’s Bluff Achievement Plus Elementary is doing and if we are meeting the needs of your student and family. To do this we are providing updates and evaluating our SCIP (School Continuous Improvement Plan) to see if we are on track to meet our goals and determine if adjustments are needed.

**So far this year we have worked on these goals:**
1. Students will show eagerness and curiosity towards learning. Teachers will support this goal by providing opportunities for students to be independent.
2. Teachers will focus on providing small group literacy instruction for each student at their individual level.

Please review this survey, [bit.ly/DBWinterSurvey21](http://bit.ly/DBWinterSurvey21), and answer the questions as best as you can. Your feedback is greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your time and partnership!

**PRIZES!!!** Each adult who fills out a survey response will be entered to win a $50 gift card to a store of your choice! Also, each student will get to pick a special fidget if their adult fills out the survey!

**Upcoming Events**

- **December 3 – 8:00-9:00 a.m.**
  - DB Connects – Coffee and Donuts, Rec Center Multi-purpose room

- **December 17**
  - Cozy Up and Read Day

- **December 20-31**
  - No School
  - Winter Break

- **January 3 – 8:00-9:00 a.m.**
  - School Resumes

- **January 7 - 8:00-9:00 a.m.**
  - DB Connects – Coffee and Donuts, Rec Center Multi-purpose room

**Partner Information**

**Need help with holiday gifts?**

Our Neighborhood House Family Center has information about assisting families that need help with holiday gifts. There are still options available but time is running out! If you would like assistance with gifts, please contact Greta at our family center at 651-793-7342 or email her at ghuff@neighb.org.
**DB Connects**

What is DB Connects?
- Make connections with other parents
- Connect with some DB staff
- Have fun with other school families!

Feel free to join us for Coffee and Donuts!
When: Friday, 12/3
Time: 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Where: DB Rec Center Multi-purpose room at 800 Conway St.

We are making plans to get together each month - Save the Dates!
First Friday morning of each month for coffee and treats. (Dates may be subject to change)

*Watch for more information in your student’s Orange Thursday Folder!*

**Coming Soon**

**Cozy Up and Read Day**
Mark your calendars for Cozy Up and Read Day on December 17!
This is a school-wide event where students can wear their pajamas to school and bring their favorite book, blanket, pillow, or stuffed animal! Our students have worked very hard so we have planned many fun activities for them on the last day before winter break!

**School Carnival**
Save the date. Dayton’s Bluff School Carnival is coming January 27 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., see you there!

**Kid’s Corner**
Can you help the dragon get to the castle?

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**The Dragon Connection:**
Watch here for a monthly video for updates on what has been going on at Dayton’s Bluff. This short video provides updates on our School-Wide Improvement Plan and what you can expect in December! Scan the QR code or visit this website to watch the video:

**Need Resources?**
We have created a section under the “Families” tab on the Dayton’s Bluff website (daytonsbluff.spps.org) called “School and Community Services”. Click the link below to find many available resources to assist you and your family with any needs that may arise, [https://www.spps.org/domain/16212](https://www.spps.org/domain/16212).

**Title 1 Information:**
Find the Dayton’s Bluff Report Card on the MN Dept of Education website by clicking on this link [https://rc.education.mn.gov/#mySchool/orgId--10625433000__p--3](https://rc.education.mn.gov/#mySchool/orgId--10625433000__p--3).

Access our 2021-22 Family Engagement Plan by clicking on this link [https://www.spps.org/Page/17471](https://www.spps.org/Page/17471).

Read our SCIP (School Continuous Improvement Plan) goals for 2021-2022 school year by clicking on this link [https://www.spps.org/Page/17507](https://www.spps.org/Page/17507).

Contact Cindy at cindy.torguson@spps.org with any questions.