



Dayton's Bluff Achievement Plus Elementary School

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Welcome Back, We Missed You!

Welcome to the new school year!
We hope that you are all doing well and staying safe.
Here are some things you should know about our school:



Mission: The Dayton's Bluff Achievement Plus community works as a team to provide a caring, consistent and rigorous learning environment for all.

Mascot: Dragon named "Blue Shadow"

Chant: "We are Dragons, This is Our Castle, Wings Up!"

Theme: We Can Build It!

Welcome to our new staff:

- Stephanie Abbas - .5 Social Worker
- Tanika Brown - Teaching Assistant
- Kristi Kohn - School Psychologist
- Holly Krech-Thomas - EL Teacher
- Kirstin Maxam - ECSE PK/K Sped Teacher
- Abbie McMillan - Behavior Interventionist
- Shanta Mikhaylov - Special Education Coach
- Gloria Rosso-White - EL (Pre-K)

As always if you have any questions you can call the school office at 651-293-8915 or email daytonsbluff@spps.org.

From Nutrition Services:

Thanks to extended funding from the USDA, **meal boxes will continue to be free for all Saint Paul kids through the end of December.**

Families can sign up for home delivery or pick up meal boxes for kids 18 and under in their household, whether they are enrolled in SPPS or not. This also includes people over 18 who have a disability and are enrolled in a school program.

Meal boxes are available in two ways:

- **Home delivery:** A week's worth of breakfast, lunch and milk delivered to your doorstep one day a week. Registration is required.
- **School pickup:** A week's worth of breakfast, lunch and milk can be picked up at five high schools Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Registration is not required.

All of the details are available at spps.org/fallmeals in English, Spanish, Hmong, Somali and Karen.

Also, please fill out the [Application for Educational Benefits](#) if you haven't done so already. While this doesn't affect the cost of their meals this fall, this information is vital in securing classroom funding.

Upcoming Events

October 8 – 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Learning Kit Distribution and Drive through Ice Cream Social

October 13 – Fresh Produce Distribution 3:00-4:30 (drive up distribution starting on Euclid and Mendota)

October 15, 16 – No School,
State Teacher Meetings (MEA)

October 30 – No School

Watch your class newsletter for upcoming **Assembly** dates and times.

Family Involvement Team (FIT)

The Dayton's Bluff FIT welcomes your input! Please let us know if you have any great ideas, questions or concerns regarding anything at Dayton's Bluff. We would encourage you to get involved and become a member of our team as well. We need everyone's input to make our school a success! Please feel free to reach out to Cindy at cindy.torguson@spps.org.

Parents Right to Know

School districts must notify parents of children attending Title I schools that they can request information regarding their children's teachers, including, at a minimum, information on (1) completion of state requirements for licensure and certification; (2) emergency or other provisional status; (3) educational background; and (4) whether paraprofessionals are serving the child and, if so, the paraprofessionals' qualifications.

PARENT'S RIGHT TO KNOW TEACHER AND PARAPROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Under the *Every Student Succeeds Act*, parents have the right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of their student's classroom teachers and paraprofessionals. Parents who would like to receive this information should write to the Human Resource Department, Attn: ESSA Teacher Qualifications, Saint Paul Public Schools, 360 Colborne Street, Saint Paul, MN 55102-3299. You have the right to ask for the following information about each of your child's classroom teacher(s).

- Information about whether the teacher has met state qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;
- Information about whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which state qualification or licensing criteria have been waived;
- Information about whether the teacher is teaching (subjects or content) in which proper certification is held by the teacher.
- Information about whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

Parent Information

Need Resources?

We have created a new section under the "Families" tab on the Dayton's Bluff website call "Food and Community Resources". 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>.



Support for Students and Families:

Office Hours (3x/week) - Time when the teacher is on an open Google Meet call and students and families can drop in for support

Access through GoogleMeet on student's iPads by using the code **DBHelpDesk**

Monday-Thursday 8am-8pm

Friday 8am-2pm

Staffed by Dayton's Bluff staff

Important Links:

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.

Access our 2020-21 Family Engagement Plan by clicking on this link

<https://www.spps.org/Page/17471>.

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

U.S. Census Information

The 2020 Census: Why does it matter? The census happens every ten years. It is used to determine the number of seats each state gets in Congress, which determines the number of electoral votes each state has in presidential elections. Minnesota is at risk of losing one seat, and therefore one electoral vote. The census is also used to re-draw district lines in states and cities. Census data is also used to guide federal spending on programs important to our community: SNAP, WIC, School Lunches and Breakfast, Emergency Food Assistance, Head Start, Title I funding, Pell Grants, Special Education grants, Medicaid, Medicare Part B, S-CHIP, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Section 8, Community development block grants, Safe and drug-free Schools and Communities! You Count! Fill out your census form in 2020 so that you can be counted. All data is confidential. In March-April 2020, the U.S. Census Bureau will send information to every home on how to fill out the form online or on paper. For more information, visit www.ramseycounty.us/census.

Kids Corner

- 1) What has hands but cannot clap?
- 2) What is at the end of a rainbow?
- 3) What gets wetter and wetter the more it dries?
- 4) Which weighs more, a pound of feathers or a pound of bricks?
- 5) How many months have 28 days?
- 6) What can run but can't walk?

Answers: 1) A clock, 2) The letter "W", 3) A towel, 4) Neither they both weigh one pound, 5) All 12 months, 6) A drop of water