

Herbert A. Derfelt ES

DYNAMITE DOLPHINS — STUDENT EDITION



Main Story

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Do you know who our school is named after? Well, if you don't, now you will. Our school is named after Herbert A. Derfelt.

Herbert began his career in education in 1925 in Kansas. During his time as a teacher he worked in both elementary and secondary schools. He also served as principal and eventually became the county superintendent of public education. Mr. Derfelt then moved to Nevada in 1956 and started working at UNLV. One of the important things he did there was he helped to start a Masters degree program for teachers.

Mr. Derfelt worked as an educator for an incredible 47 years. Everyone he worked with was influenced positively in many different ways. These are the reasons why he was chosen to have a school named after him. We are so fortunate to have our school named after such a magnificent man.

By: Payton & Christina



Debate Question By: Brooke & Marcela

Should students and teachers be given homework?

Allison said that students should have homework because then you will not be wise if you do not practice your work.

Yes!

Kye said teachers should have homework because we have too much homework so teachers should have as much homework as us.

Giselle said students shouldn't have homework because they have too much work to do in class. Also, so the teachers do not have to check our homework.

No!

Tatina said teachers shouldn't have homework because they might have other things to do after work.

Check It Out

Infinite Campus

A great resource to check out your student's grades, attendance, etc.



<https://campus.ccsd.net>

XtraMath

A free website to help master math facts.



<https://xtramath.org>

Derfelt Website

Has a lot of great information (calendar of events, educational websites, etc.)



<http://schools.ccsd.net/derfelt/>

Strain Your Brain

Questions:

1. What is the capital of Kansas?
2. What is the third planet from the sun?
3. How many minutes in 1.5 hours?
4. What is chocolate made from?
5. What is a female fox called?
6. What is the capital of Nevada?
7. Why is Paddington bear called Paddington?



Are you a Quiz Whiz? See if you can answer some questions about our Earth?

<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/games/quizzes/quiz-whiz-geography/>



CHAMPS of the Week



February 6-11 Hawkins' Kindergarten February 13-20 Lindgren's 2nd Grade
 February 20-24 Pratus' 3rd Grade February 27-March 3 VonCollenberg's Kindergarten
 March 6-10 Starkley's Class

Mrs. LaFleur's 4th Grade Class



Q: How did you feel when you got the Champ of the Week award?

A: We felt awesome, cool, and like we had achieved something and had been awarded for our great work.

Q: How did you earn this award?

A: We earned this award by cleaning the lunchroom, acting like champs in line, working hard, and being respectful.

Q: If a kid from another class asked you how did you get "Champ of the Week" what would you tell them?

A: Work really hard, be respectful, and listen to other people's ideas.

Q: What advice would you give to other classes?

A: Stay focused and don't give up in the things that you do!

Q: Mrs. LaFleur, if you were to pick one student to be a champ, who would it be and why?

A: I would choose Samantha Cerna as the Student Champ of the class because she is always on task and is a really good role model.

By: Rowyn & Jayda



Getting to Know our Derfelt Superstars

By: Samantha C. & Veronica M.

Mrs. Hales



Q: How long have you been teaching? Why did you choose to be a teacher?

A: I have been teaching for 28 years. I chose to be a teacher because of my 5th grade teacher, Mr. Fenton. He told me that I was very organized, that I liked teaching, I liked kids, and that I could make a difference.

Q: Do you have any kids? How many do you have?

A: I have three children, two boys and 1 girl. Their names are Adam, Nicole, and Justin.

Q: What is a quote that you stand by?

A: "We are beginning a journey of curiosity and inspiration. If you promise me your best effort, I promise to inspire you."

Q: Who was your favorite teacher? Why?

A: My favorite teacher was Mr. Fenton. He told me to become a teacher. He also made the girls make cookies, and made the boys judge them. After that, he made the boys write "Thank You" cards.

Q: Who is your favorite author? What book do you like from him/her?

A: My favorite author is John Grisham, and my favorite book of his is "The Firm."

Mr. Benesh



Q: How long have you been teaching? Why did you become a teacher?

A: 10 years of teaching. I was an advertiser, disliked it, and switched to teaching.

Q: Do you have any kids? How many do you have?

A: 1 daughter, she's a 5 year old. Her name is Kinsley.

Q: What is a quote that you stand by?

A: "Life's not about crossing the finish line well kept and groomed, but rather skidding in side-ways no tread left on the tires, no brakes left, completely exhausted screaming "Wow! what a ride."

Q: Who was your favorite teacher? Why?

A: My favorite teacher was a high school Spanish teacher named Mr. Lucho. He was a very real person to me, and everyone in my old classroom.

Q: Who is your favorite author? What book do you like from them?

A: My favorite author is Steven King. My favorite book from him is "The Dead Zone", or even "Misery". They are both good books.

Special thanks to the teachers who we interviewed!!!!

Quotes to Inspire

Quote #1 "Obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it."

Michael Jordan



Quote #2 "He who is not courageous enough to take risks will accomplish nothing in life."

Muhammad Ali

Did you know?

A dollar bill can be folded 4,000 times before it tears.



A Harley-Davidson motorcycle was created to look like a giant hamburger.



Gorillas burp when they are happy.



Check Us Out

Come and check out our awesome book fair from March 9-17. This is a great opportunity to purchase some inexpensive books that will provide endless hours of entertainment.

We interviewed Mr. Lindgren, our school librarian, to get the full scoop on our Book Fair.

1. How much money would you like to make this year? Answer: \$1,000



2. How many books did you order? Answer: 3,000 books

Book fair



3. Why is this so important to you? Answer: Money earned gets more books

4. What's your goal of books this year?

Answer: 10,000 books in total

By: Kara & Ti'yanni



Teacher-Student Survey

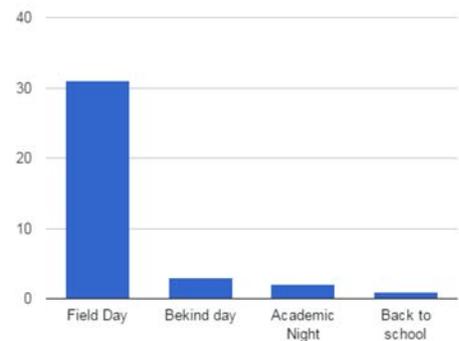
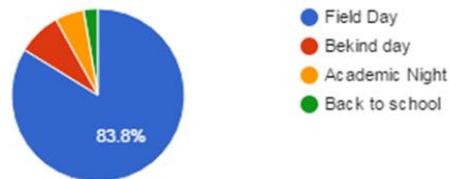
What is your favorite school event from the listed options?

Field Day, Be Kind Day, Academic Night or Back to School Night

Field Day	31
Be Kind day	3
Academic Night	2
Back to School	1

We interviewed 37 teachers to see what their favorite school event was and these are our results.

By: Martin, Coit, Darnell & Darell



Origami Heart

Are you looking for something easy and fun to make? If so, then you came to the right spot.



Directions:

1. First start of with a square piece of paper.
2. Next fold the paper in half, then unfold.
3. Then fold the left corner to the right corner, then unfold.
4. After that fold the top corner to the center.
5. Then take the bottom corner and fold it to the top edge.
6. Next fold the left and right corner to center fold.

Check It Out

NEWSLA

Newsela is an innovative way to build reading comprehension with nonfiction that's always relevant: daily news. It's easy and amazing. Some of the features include: Spanish versions, quizzes and different



Check Us Out

Jump Rope for Heart



Why is "JRFH" important to you?

Answer: It's important to save lives of others, great way to keep our heart rate up, and have fun with jump rope challenges.

2. How much money did you raise this year?

Answer: over \$5,000

3. Who was the skipper of the school?

Answer: Kye Jones

4. How long did she jump for?

Answer: 17 minutes

5. What was the longest time for jumping ever?

Answer: 17 minutes

6. What does the money raised get used for?

Answer: Research, medicine, C.P.R training, etc.



We interviewed Mrs. Farrell to learn more about this amazing event.



By: Kara & Ti'yanni

Comedy Corner

1. What did the ground say to the earthquake?
2. How do you get straight A's?
3. Why didn't the sun go to college?
4. Why did the music teacher need a ladder?
5. Why did the student throw his watch out the school window?

By: Mikayla & Camden

Strain Your Brain Answers:

1. Topeka 2. Earth 3. ninety 4. cocoa beans 5. Vinex 6. Carson City 7. He was found at Paddington Station

Comedy Corner Answers:

1. You crack me up. 2. By using a ruler. 3. Because it already has a million degrees. 4. To reach the high notes. 5. He wanted to see time fly.



Herbert A. Derfelt Elementary School Family Calendar March 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Reading week—Words on Shirt Day Be Kind Wednesday - read a book to a friend	2 Reading Week—wear Red, Black, White—Dr. Seuss 8-day	3 Reading Week—Cozy Camping Day	4
			NV Reading Week Feb 27th—March 3rd			
5 Take 5 for Kindness Day!	6	7	8 Be Kind Wednesday - give a compliment to 3 teachers/staff	9	10 Progress Reports sent home	11
			Book Fair March 9th—March 17th			
12	13	14 PTA Meeting 2:30	15 Be Kind Wednesday - compliment on someone on their project Academic Night 4:40-6:00	16	17 Kids Program—Family Engagement Day PTA Popsicle Day (sold after school for \$1 each)	18
			Book Fair March 9th—March 17th			
19	20	21	22 Be Kind Wednesday - give thumbs up to 5 people	23	24 ELA #6	25
26 	27	28	29 Be Kind Wednesday—write a thoughtful note to someone	30	31 SOM (Student of the Month)	

Please visit Derfelt's website for more information on events and activities: <http://schools.ccsd.net/derfelt/>



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