

DUNN MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSNOTE, 2011-12

February 13-17



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spaghetti lunch	Beef Taco lunch	Pizza lunch	Chicken Tender lunch	Sandwich lunch
Block 4 enrichment classes start. Boys' b-ball tournament game vs Charter @ Solvang, A only 4:00. Girls' tennis vs Jonata @ Dunn 3:45.	Boys' b-ball tournament game @ Solvang, A only, time TBD.	Possible boys' b-ball tournament game @ Solvang, A only, time TBD. Girls' tennis tournament @ Dunn 3:45. Surfing returns 5:15.	Hike Club 2:45-5:30. Girls' tennis tournament @ Dunn 3:45. Parent OE meeting 7:00pm, grades 6-8.	Full day of school. Last day before February Break. Theater presentation in the barn 2:30-3:35. School back in session Tuesday, February 28.

Athletics

- The girls' tennis team had another fun week. This week, they will have their final regular season game on Tuesday and their tournament on Wednesday and Thursday. Tournament play is fun to watch, and you are encouraged to spend a couple hours after school at the Dunn courts to show your support and see how much the girls' play has improved. We will have a lunchtime celebration of the season the second half of this week
- The boys' basketball A team beat Santa Ynez, in their first win of the season, on Thursday! The team did an excellent job getting the ball inside to Jonathon, who repeatedly put it through the hoop. The team is energized for the tournament after finishing the regular season on a high note. Monday's tournament game will be against #1 ranked Charter School, at 4:00, at Solvang School. Last week's games against Los Olivos were cancelled at the last minute, because there were no referees available. Therefore, the B team basketball season is over. We will have a lunchtime celebration for the A and B basketball teams sometime this week.
- The girls' basketball and boys' tennis teams will start practicing immediately after we return from the February break. We are all set for basketball coaches – thank you Ken Andersen and John Galivin! We have a couple part-time coaches ready to go for girls' tennis, but we are still solidifying our line-up. It is super helpful to also have one full-time coach to help maintain continuity. Please let Eric D. know if you are able to help out in this capacity, edeguain@dunnschool.org.

Talent Show

The DMS Annual Talent Show was delightful. The students were nothing short of amazing, both in their diverse talents and in their willingness and enthusiasm to share them! Thank you, parents, siblings, and friends for showing your undying support for our kids by being present, encouraging them to practice and perform, and for cheering wildly at the end of each and every performance. This is a great community-building event, and it serves to demonstrate the impact of cultivating a carpe diem attitude.

Thank you for purchasing home baked goodies and snacks during the event. The \$160 we made will help cover expenses on the 8th grade San Francisco Trip this spring. If you are interested in ordering a DVD, the DMS office will be able to take orders only through this Wednesday. Thereafter, it will be too late.

Student Reminders

6th Graders Bring Computers – please remind your 6th grade student to bring their laptop and charger to school ALL week for the research paper extravaganza!!!

All Students Remember their 3 P's – it's that time of year when the 3 P's start disappearing from backpacks, left to their own accord to wrangle the dust under beds and negotiate the slobbery jaws of the curious family dog! Please remind your child to re-stock their 3 P's. ***3 P's = Pencils, Paper (binder), and Planners!***

Theater Performance on Friday

During the third and fourth blocks, the Theater class has practiced a production. After all their hard work, they are excited to put on a performance at 2:30pm this Friday, in the barn. Parents and siblings of any age are encouraged to attend. They will be performing *The Canterbury Tales*, an adaptation of Geoffrey Chaucer's classic tale of a group of Medieval pilgrims who are thrown together by circumstance and find a creative way to lighten their long hours on the road: storytelling. Their lively stories weave together humor, romance, and action while teaching important life lessons.

Actors in the play are requested to stick around until 4:00, if possible, to help put away costumes and get the theatre back in shape.

Pennies for Patients

The Pennies for Patients fundraising drive ended on Friday. We used this project as a means to put algebra and science to work in a real life situation. The money raised by each DMS family group was sorted by type of coin. Donna's science classes then used balances to weigh each coin category. The information was used, in conjunction with algebra, to calculate the total amount of money raised by each family, without having to count each and every coin, individually. The results will be shared with the students this week.

Parent Meeting on Thursday

On Thursday, we will preview the outdoor education trips we will be taking during the first week of April, this spring. The meetings will start at 7:00pm and are expected to last 30-45 minutes.

- 6th grade: we will meet in Dawn's room with Chris Cameron, the owner of Camp Ocean Pines, who will give a presentation about his camp facilities and programs. Sixth grade students are encouraged to attend this meeting with their parents. Chris will probably bring one of his hawks and often has other things of interest to share.
- 7th grade: we will meet in Nicole's room with Dawn, who has put this trip together and has helped lead it for the last two years. This meeting will be geared toward parents, and it will include an overview of the trip goals, location, itinerary, expectations, and required gear.
- 8th grade: we will meet in the assembly room with EricG, who went on the trip last year and will be helping lead it with Dawn this year. This meeting will be geared toward parents, and it will include an overview of the trip goals, location, itinerary, expectations, and required gear. In preparation for this trip, it is especially important that parents have a clear understanding of the clothing and gear requirements.

Parents who have indicated interest in their child participating in the Mexico service trip will NOT have an additional meeting on Thursday night. Jim and Susan Chomeau are going to be in Mexico, solidifying more trip details, over the February break. Therefore, we will plan to have a meeting at some time during the week following break. You will be contacted individually regarding the time/date of this meeting.

Search Update - DMS Director

The search committee has narrowed their applicant pool to 14 contenders. They have started the process of interviewing each of these 14 people via phone.

Answer to last week's Riddle of the Week- Literal Idioms

1. Revert to the first quadrilateral of equal sides and angles.

Answer: go back to square one.

2. One suffering from Macular Degeneration guiding one with less than 1/10

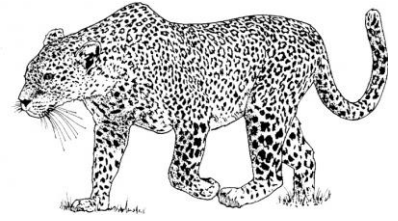
Answer: the blind leading the blind

3. Restrain your multiple Equus caballus.

Answer: hold your horses

4. The writing utensil containing small amounts of ink is more puissant than the iron hand-held weapon.

Answer: the pen is mightier than the sword



This week's Riddle of the Week - Cut the End

When you curtail a word, you remove the last letter and still have a valid word. You will be given clues for the two words, longer word first.

Example: Begin -> Heavenly body

Answer: The words are Start and Star.

1. Bend out of shape -> Armed conflict

2. Muscle contraction -> Pack to capacity

3. Pass over; omit -> Glide on snow

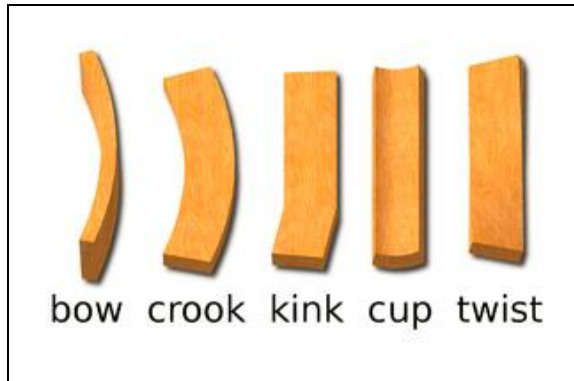
4. Wet -> Large water barrier

5. Marsh; bog -> Moved through water

6. Waterproof canvas -> Pitch; oily residue

7. Cry; shed tears -> Very small

8. Assume a slouching posture; decrease suddenly -> Run-down part of a city



Your Name: _____



Above: The new rope swing is up! Thank you, Leadership class.



Above: Chase, Keaton, and Kaela G. spent Saturday morning cutting children's mazes through a willow patch in Riverview Park Botanical Gardens.



Below: Gina shows the artwork she completed in Spanish class. This week, students illustrated stories narrated in Spanish.



Talent Show – DMS style!

