

DUNN MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSNOTE, 2011-12

October 24-28



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Bock 2 enrichment classes start. Boys' volleyball practice starts. PE – athletic shoes and shorts.	No parent meeting – rescheduled for Wed, Nov. 2. Librarian of Congress presentation at Solvang Vets' Hall 7:00 pm.	8 th grade boarding program focus meeting 6:45	Hike club 2:45-5:30	Hero Festival 1:00-3:00. Halloween Dance 7:00-9:30 pm.
Lunch: spaghetti	Lunch: beef tacos	Lunch: pizza	Lunch: chicken tenders	Lunch: sandwiches

Athletics

- The spirit and fire is alive and well in DMS athletics. This week's girls' volleyball tournament concluded the season on a high note. Wednesday's match against Jonata was more challenging than predicted, but after losing the first game the Earwigs tightened their resolve. With the help of an accidental header by Gina, they came out victorious in games two and three. Thursday's match against Solvang was non-stop action. The Earwigs again lost the first game only to come back and win the next two. The highlight of the tournament, however, was Friday's match against Los Olivos. The Spartans were incredibly strong this year. Although we did not beat them, our girls put up a mighty fight three games straight and ended the night with huge smiles amid a deafening Dunn crowd. The Chase-wig was at the games spearheading our DMS team support. Congratulate Mia on her well-earned team MVP award, and please go out of your way to express your appreciation for our coaches.
- Boys' volleyball practice starts on Monday. Sandy Jankowski and Merrill Riley will be coaching. Please have your child come to school prepared with gym shoes, shorts, and knee pads. If they don't own knee pads we can get them to the student store during lunch. I believe \$25 should cover the cost.
- Students in PE should bring shorts, t-shirt, and athletic shoes. They should also have a swimsuit and towel available in their unlocker. Girls' volleyball players will be in PE this week. They should wash and return their uniforms ASAP.

Donna Injured

Last night, Donna took a fall and broke a hip and a rib. She is being well taken care of at Cottage Hospital, and she was in good spirits when Eric and Linda visited her today. Broken bones are never fun, but doctors do not anticipate the need for anything aside from standard procedures. Although Donna would like nothing more than teaching all her fabulous students this week, she will remain in the hospital for a while longer. We are in the process of finding the best substitute possible. We will keep you posted.

Block 2 Enrichment Classes

New enrichment classes start on Monday. Students in woodworking should bring \$25 to cover the cost of a personal tool kit that they will keep when the class is over. If the extra cost is problematic please call or email Eric Gaylord to discuss other options. Students in Wednesday Golf should bring their clubs on Wednesday. If they do not have access to clubs please call or email Eric Gaylord. Students in Wednesday Nature Photography should bring their digital camera on Wednesday and be familiar with how it works.

Upcoming Parent Meeting Date Changed

An all-parent meeting is on the calendar for Tuesday, October 25. That is the same night that the Librarian of Congress, grandfather of DMS student Jonathon Billington, will be giving a presentation at the Vets' Hall. James Hadley Billington's presentation will begin at 7:00 pm (Please see the attached flyer.) We are, therefore, postponing the all-parent meeting to the following Wednesday, November 2, 7:00-8:00 pm. Please change your calendars.

8th Grade Boarding Focus Group

On October 26, at 6:45 pm, there will be a focus group discussion on the 8th grade international boarding student program. We are looking for input from DMS parents and faculty. The meeting will be in the library conference room.

Hero Festival

This year's language arts festival is this Friday in the Dunn Gym. The theme is "Heroes." Parents, grandparents, friends, and family are all encouraged to attend. The more people the better for this lively, festive event focused on personal, current, and historical heroes. We will have display boards, students in costume, and carnival-style booths where learning and fun go hand-in-hand. We are excited to have some of The Family School students joining us again this year! They always bring with them a sense of excitement and curiosity. This is an open-forum event where you can drop in any time, 1:00-3:00. DMS students will clean up from 3:00-3:35.

Help with the Halloween Dance

The Halloween Dance is this Friday. It will be in the Fireside Room at the Dining Hall, 7:00-9:30 pm. Please drop off and pick up in the big parking lot near the swimming pool. Cost: \$5 w/ costume, \$10 w/o costume. Only guests need permission slips. Linda would love some help with the following items:

1. Witches' Brew (a punch with hand-shaped ice made with a glove...easy to do!)
2. Cookies shaped like fingers
3. Any other ghoulish treats are welcome
4. Halloween decorations...anything goes...to be returned after the dance
5. Black lights

Volunteers please call Linda at 688-0467 or 245-1935, or email her at electronlinda@gmail.com so that she knows what is available.

☺ Please return red folders Monday morning ☺

Dunn Information Night

November 3rd is a reception and information night aimed at attracting new Dunn students for next year – Dunn Middle School and Dunn Upper School. Without students there can be no school, and we need your help. You are our best recruiters; we ask that you try to bring a friend to this event to hear about Dunn. The DMS Office has extra invitations if you want to give one to a friend. The reception is at Candice and Michael Hartmann's house, 7:00-9:00 pm, 1606 N. Refugio Rd.

Tear off here to return your answer with the Monday Folder on Tuesday

Riddle of the Week

Double-Double

Feed, good, and kiss are 3 examples of words with double letters. Use the clues and fill in the blanks to find words with consecutive double letters. Remember, these words have 2 sets of double letters in a row!

1. It's a bird! It's a plane! It's a...

B _ _ _ _ N

2. Body modification.

T _ _ _ _ O

3. A Group of people.

C _ _ _ _ _ E

4. Acuteness or acumen.

- K _ _ _ _ _ S

---Experts Only!---

5. Kangaroos, dingos, and kookaburras!

C _ _ _ E



Below: "Old" Paloma C. and Luke demonstrate self defense techniques learned in Martial Arts.



Right: Lauren and Lexi were part of our spirited volleyball fan club.

Below: Team MVP, Mia, spikes the ball in the championship match against L.O.



Below: Gina, one of our dedicated setters, bumps the ball over the net.



Above and Below: Donna's band class played ensembles (Jasper and Olivia H.) and solos (Nolan) at Friday's enrichment presentations.



Left: Chase, dressed in earwig garb, fires things up. **Below:** Hike Club visits Lizard's Mouth – this unique rock formation provides Ben, and kids of all ages, endless entertainment.



Above: Tristan and Kylan narrate their story from Spanish B while other students (not shown) act it out.



Above: DMS students placed well in the Solvang pumpkin carving contest: Drew – 3rd, Lexi – 2nd, Henry – 1st!



Left and Above: The final day of Skimboard class appropriately gives students a chance to try out their wares. Taggart and Deya pictured.