



DUNDEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

THE DOLPHIN NEWS SPLASH

~Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful~



April 2012

If you want a rainbow,
you've got to put up
with a little rain!

Mrs. Crueger's Corner

Dear Parents,

Happy Spring! April is a time of year when the subtle changes of spring become more apparent. We have noticed the grass becoming greener, the birds are chirping, and trees and flowers beginning to bloom.

The students at Dundee are similar. They too, are blossoming from all the learning taking place at home and school. Math facts are more fluent, student vocabularies have increased and writing skills have flourished.

As we begin the month of April, students in grades 3-4-5 will be taking the Oregon Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (OAKS) exams in English Language Arts, Mathematics and Science. Our teachers have been preparing students for these assessments throughout the year by their thorough teaching and purposeful activities. They have also reviewed the testing format and procedures to help students feel comfortable and relaxed.

Please help your child to do his/her best by:

Getting to bed early and be well rested;

Eat a healthy nutritional breakfast;

Arrive to school on time each morning;

Do their best by reading directions and test items carefully and completing each section of the test.

Thank you for your help and cooperation as we encouraged students to do their best work as they "show what they know!"



Lost and Found

Our lost and found is overflowing with coats and sweatshirts, as well as a few lunchboxes. We also have a 'small items' basket in the office with jewelry, eyeglasses and other small sundries. You are welcome to take a look through our lost and found closet. Items will be donated at the end of the year.

Crystal Apple Awards

The Newberg School District's Crystal Apple Award recognizes outstanding service. This annual award is presented in June to a deserving teacher, support staff member and administrator. Students, parents, community members and school district employees are encouraged to nominate Newberg School District employees for the annual Crystal Apple Award.

More information can be found at: www.newberg.k12.or.us



We're Showing Our Dolphin Pride!


Have you seen our newest addition to our hallway? Thanks to the work of two of our extraordinary Dundee volunteers, Carrie Simmons and Michelle LaVeine, we have a fabulous new bulletin board to show off our Dolphin Pride! Students who earn 25 Dolphin Prides can exchange them for a photo shoot, complete with Hollywood props! Dolphin Prides are given by staff members when they 'catch' students being Safe, Respectful or Responsible!



April

April 21 - Math 24 Competition at MVMS

April 25 - Birthday Cupcake Day for hot lunch eaters!

April 26 -  3rd grade music program 2:00 pm - gym

April 27 - 4th grade field trip to JA Biz Town

May

May 8 - Dundee Parent Club - 7pm in the library

May 10 - 2nd grade music program - 2pm - gym

May 15 - 3rd grade field trip to Evergreen Museum

May 24 - 3rd grade field trip to Portland Spirit

May 24 - NIGHT OF THE NOTABLES - 5th grade

May 28 - NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day

May 31 - 1st grade music program - 2pm - gym

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Counselor's Corner

Yes, Again

It seems each year I am compelled to write about the impact of media on our children. Please, do not stop reading now. You may think you have heard it all before. You may think that your child is different and this doesn't apply. You may think your child can handle it. But please, do not stop reading this. With the exception of severe injury or illness, the brains of all our children work pretty much the same. This means the research applies to us all.

The following information comes from a panel discussion on 11/14/2011 with researchers from the New York University Child Study Center. Here is their partial response to how media affects a child's development:

Because texting, instant messaging, and social networking sites like Facebook are still comparatively new, research is not really available yet on their long-term effects. But we can extrapolate a certain amount from research on the effects of TV and video games on children's development.

Among preschoolers, more time spent watching TV has been shown to have a negative impact on attention, academic performance, and adjustment in elementary school and middle school.

Increases in media use are associated with reduced grades; only 23 percent of "light" users averaged C's or worse, as compared with 47 percent of "heavy" users.

Kids who see more TV learn to read later and slower. Violent and sexual content, in both TV and video games, bring their own concerns. Increased exposure to violence has been proven to result in:

- More aggressive behavior
- More aggressive thoughts
- More angry feelings
- Less empathy
- Fewer helping behaviors
- Increases in fear



While not as scientific, please know that I see these influences at school. The technology is not all bad. There are some amazing benefits to the advances we see. Our children simply need us to help them understand the idea of balance and self control in accessing this amazing source. Next month I will provide more information from this panel and highlight what they see parents needing to do. So, please, don't stop reading.

Field Trip Chaperones

If you have signed up with your child's teacher to be a chaperone for an upcoming field trip, please remember that you **MUST** wear your volunteer badge on the trip. If you would like to apply for a volunteer badge, you can stop by our office for an application, or go online to www.newberg.k12.or.us and download the form.



Music Programs

Mrs. Ganske is an experienced, compassionate and knowledgeable musician. She has a vast knowledge and experience base (24 years as our music teacher) from which she draws upon to design her lessons and teach our students. She also leads our school's choir that meets twice weekly during the year. Our music programs provide a venue for students to share with family and friends what they have learned in her class. Our programs take place at 2:00 pm in our gym on the following dates:

April 26 - 3rd grade

May 10 - 2nd grade

May 31 - 1st grade

We are so fortunate to have such a gifted educator leading the music program here at Dundee. We invite you to come and enjoy your child's performance this spring.

Math 24

Dundee loves "Math 24"! The game consists of a square card with 4 numbers (one on each edge). The player who can determine how to use those four numbers to equal "24" slaps the table, states the equation, and then keeps the card if correct. It's a fast-paced game, and amazing to watch how quickly those kids think! Here's list of the student who will competing on behalf of Dundee Elementary on the morning of Saturday, April 21st at Mountain View Middle School: Dylan Upfold, Benny Gonzalez, Harrison Hess, Kara LaVeine, Michael Hopkins, Gabriel Donaldson, Kate Ortloff, Brendan Howland, Emerson Harris, Raven Surratt, Alex Jaczko, Rebecca Gregor, Carson Picker, Lexi Molina, Jessica Sproul, Anna Goodwin, Jacob Byers and Macy Rickert. Come and cheer them on!!



Safe Kids Fair

Each year during April, National Child Abuse Prevention Month, Juliette's [House](#) holds a Safe Kids Fair — community partners getting together to give kids and their parents tips on how to keep kids safe through fun activities, games, and giveaways. This year's fair will be Saturday, [April 28](#), 2012 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at Juliette's [House](#), 1075 SW Cedarwood Avenue, McMinnville.

Besides information on child abuse awareness and prevention, the McMinnville Police Department does a Safety Rodeo for bikes, scooters, and skateboards and McMinnville Noon Kiwanis gives away free helmets. The McMinnville Fire Department talks about fire safety. Search and Rescue is here to talk about staying safe outdoors. Other partners present various fun and informative activities. The Sheriff's Department Mounted Posse is always a favorite, there's face painting, putt-putt golf, balloons, a Beanie Baby ring toss, and lots more.

Local agencies, service clubs, businesses and individuals all put forth a big effort to make the Safe Kids Fair a great way for families to spend a few [Saturday](#) hours having fun and learning how to stay safe. All activities are free and food is available at nominal cost from local vendors.

Contact Cindy Hickman at Juliette's [House](#) for more information or if you have any questions. [503-435-1550](tel:503-435-1550) or C1nhickman05@frontier.com.