



DUNDEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

THE DOLPHIN NEWS SPLASH

~Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful~



March 2012

Spring has returned.
The earth is like a child
that knows poems.

Rather Maria Rilke

Mrs. Crueger's Corner

Leave it to the month of March to ruin a perfectly uneventful winter. The local meteorologists were anxiously trying to forecast the latest trends and radar patterns.

While it may seem like winter just began, in truth, signs of Spring have already begun to show their colors.

As we find the days getting longer, we also find our schedule getting busier between school, work, and outside activities. Sometimes all these activities leave little time for conversations with your child. I came across a good piece in *Psychology Today* that summarized pointers for me to keep in mind as I try to maintain open communication with my children and I thought I would share them with you.

- Start early. Kids that talk about their feelings at a young age tend to keep talking as they grow.
- Be available. Don't miss a chance to talk with your children even if it means missing a show or any other events.
- Listen. Refrain from interrupting and let your child speak even if you don't like what you're hearing.
- Question the right way. Start your questions with "tell me" or "how". This encourages kids to be specific and lessens the chance for shut down.
- Make time together. Kids talk more if you walk, run, play, or take a drive together.
- Eat together. Eating as a family together 3-5 times a week or more benefits kids in so many ways, including communication.

With an 8 hour car ride coming up in the near future, I am going to try to put some of these to good use. I hope you all have a wonderful Spring Break!



National Geographic Bee Update

Dundee Elementary is proud to announce that Alexander Jaczko has once again qualified for the Oregon State level National Geographic Bee. The state bee will be held at Western Oregon University on Friday, March 30th. Students not only needed to win their school geography bee, but then take (and pass) a qualifying test before being invited to participate at state level. The winners from each state will meet in Washington D.C., May 22-24, 2012, to compete for a chance to win a \$25,000 college scholarship!

Congratulations Alex - and good luck at state!



March

March 21- 5th Grade vs. Staff Volleyball Game

March 21 - Cookie Dough pick up 2:30 - 3:30 - cafeteria

March 21 - Kindergarten Registration Open House

3:30 - 6:00 pm - Dundee Elementary

March 26-30 - Spring Break

April

April 3 - Family Movie Night "MUPPET MOVIE"

6:30 pm in the gym

April 9-11 - 5th gr. OMSI Outdoor School

April 10 - Dundee Parent Club 7pm in the library (free childcare for 3+ in the gym)

April 12 & 13 - NO SCHOOL - Conferences

April 18 - Volunteer Tea 8:45 - 9:30 am

Office 503-554-4850

Attendance 503-554-4897

Transportation/Bus Barn 503-538-8265

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.

Cold and Flu Season



Please remember to keep your child home if he/she has had a fever of 100 degrees or higher, nausea, diarrhea or vomiting within the last 24 hours. Thank you for your help in keeping our children healthy and preventing the spread of colds and flu in the classrooms.

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.



VOLUNTEER TEA

We Love Our Volunteers!!

Dundee Elementary will be celebrating our volunteers with a "Volunteer Tea" in their honor on Wednesday, April 18th from 8:45 - 9:30 am in our library. Tea, coffee and light breakfast fare will be served.

Thank you for all the work you do on behalf of our staff and students!



Kindergarten Registration

Do you know of a child who will be five on or before September 1st? Encourage them to come to Kindergarten Registration on Wednesday March 21st. It is an open house from 3:30-6:00pm for families to see a kindergarten classroom, talk to kindergarten staff, visit with bus drivers, complete the registration forms, and get all their questions answered.



Classified Employees

The Classified Employees of Dundee Elementary are the glue that holds us all together. We not only honor them, *we love them*. Please help us thank our outstanding staff. We celebrated national Classified Employees Week March 5-9:

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| Debi Adamski | Bill Addison | Beryle Angelechio |
| Nancy Becker | Jane Conway | Linda DeLong |
| Gloria Dreske | Lucy Edmonston | Cindy Espana |
| Donna Golden | Paulette Hansen | Jeanne Kane |
| Dana Klingler | Lori London | Ashley Ludwig |
| Teresa McCart | Ann Rader | Glenice Rader |
| Susan Sloan | Shelley Thomas | Greg Troutman |

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.