

Dunloggin Dragon Tales



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

FINK NEWS

Hello DMS CommUnity!

I hope you had a wonderful week! It was excellent seeing so many of you this week during American Education Week, especially for Bring Your Parent to School Day. The staff enjoyed having you in the classroom and participating in the lessons. I had the chance to observe parents dissecting in science, participating in discussions, and even reading Shakespeare! As well, Ms. Willoughby, Ms. Vance, and I enjoyed speaking with several parents/guardians at our F.I.R.E. chat. We will continue to have the F.I.R.E. chats, so if you are interested, please be on the look out for the coming dates.

I want to congratulate the cast and crew of the DMS fall production of *Somewhere Else Dreams*, which kicked off last evening and will continue through this evening. The students were outstanding and the play was great! I hope you have the opportunity to see it this evening. As well, I want to thank the PTA and all the volunteers for helping to make the event go so smoothly. A successful evening such as that takes a team effort and we thank you!

As we continue to discuss this year the, DMS vision is to **inspire, empower, and prepare** students to be successful in all life endeavors in a global community. Goal 3 of Vision 2018: Families and Community, Outcome 3.3 speaks to engaging families and the community in accessing information and services to support students' education. I am thrilled to see this in action and am proud to be part of the DMS community, especially this week with so many of you coming to the building. As a reminder, DMS will host parent/guardian conferences from November 24-26. I hope to see you there!

Have a great weekend!

Dr. Jeffrey Fink
DMS Principal
Inspire...Empower...Prepare...

SCHOOL/COMMUNITY NEWS

Staff of the Month Nominations

Staff, students and the community are encouraged to nominate Dunloggin staff that they would like to recognize for their dedication to the students and community. The staff of the month nominations provide an opportunity for students, parents and staff to express their appreciation of all that the Dunloggin staff does on a daily basis to provide a nurturing and academic rich experience that will develop our students into the college and career individuals that they aspire to become. Please feel free to complete the following form and send it in to school with your student. In addition, nominations will be collected every month, and you are invited to complete a form as often as you would like.

A NOTE TO PARENTS

If you have received a call from our school, please listen to your answering machine or voice mail prior to returning the call. We have more than 90 employees in the building and have no way of knowing who called you.

DMS SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Dear Families:

Dunloggin Middle School's Scholastic Book Fair began on November 14 in the Media Center. Start your Book Fair shopping early by shopping now at our online Book Fair. Visit the Book Fair Homepage at <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/dunloggin> and click on the Shop Now button. Online shopping is available until **December 2, 2014.**

Our Book Fairs connect students to books they want to read. To help your child find the best book, he or she will visit the Book Fair during ELA class time. We accept cash, checks and credit cards.

Thank you for encouraging your child to read. We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you at the Book Fair.

FROM THE HEALTH SUITE

A Note From The Nurse

As we enter into flu season, this is a reminder that good hand washing and covering sneezes and coughs with tissues and sleeves are essential steps to preventing the spread of "germs." Also, remember that despite concerns about school attendance, your children's health (and the health of other children) is most important of all. For this reason, we ask you to please:

- Call the school nurse to let us know if your child is absent with a contagious illness such as strep throat, or the flu etc. Please provide any documentation from your physician about diagnosis and release to return to school. (Ear and sinus infections, while often a reason for keeping a child home, are usually not contagious.)
- Keep your child home if he/she has a fever of over 100.0. A fever indicates that your child has an infection that could be passed to other students. If you give your child Motrin or Tylenol, the fever will, of course, disappear but he/she will still be contagious to others. Children must be fever-free for 24 hours (without medication) before returning to school!
- Have your children wash their hands properly after using the restrooms and prior to eating.
- If the doctor prescribes medication for your child, please make sure he/she takes it as directed-which means the right amount at the right time and without missing doses.

Thank you very much for helping keep all our students healthy!

ATTENDANCE NOTIFICATIONS

You can now receive e-mail notifications from the ASPEN Family Portal when your child is marked absent. First, log into your family portal account (the login id and password are the same as the emergency card system) using the attached link <http://hcpss.me/fp/>. Click on the top tab labeled "family". Next click on the side tab labeled "notification". Check the box under the label "subscribe" next to attendance. Please note that e-mail notifications are not sent out until 11:00.

YEARBOOK

Order your DMS yearbook by March 1, and you will only pay \$22.00. To order your yearbook please go to www.jostensyearbooks.com.

November

24th – Parent/teacher conf. - schools close 3 hrs early
25th – Parent/teacher conf. - schools close 3 hrs early
26th – Parent/teacher conf. - schools closed for students
27th – Thanksgiving Holiday – schools and offices closed
28th – Thanksgiving Holiday – schools and offices closed

December

15th – DMS Winter Band Concert – 6:00 pm
24th – 31st – Winter Break

January

1st – New Year's Day - Schools and offices closed
2nd – Schools and offices closed
19th – Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Schools and offices closed

Holiday Gift Auction At Dunloggin Middle School

Dear Dunloggin Families,

We have begun to collect items for our school wide, PBIS sponsored, **Holiday Gift Auction** that will be held on **December 12th** for our students. Last year, our auction was a big success and a lot of fun. The students had an opportunity to use their earned dragon dollars to 'bid' on items that were displayed in the cafeteria during lunchtime. **During the auction we had over 60 items that ranged from teachers offering after school activities, gift cards (I tunes, Target, Joanne's, Dick's Sporting Goods, Blockbuster), books, posters, Movie tickets, clothing items and lava lamps.** Following the lunch shifts, staff members selected winners for each item 'raffle' style and the winners were then announced on the afternoon announcements.

We are hoping that you will be able to support this event again this year.

We will be collecting donations until **December 5th**. Please consider donating an item to support this annual event. The students look forward to this every year and it is only possible with the generous donations from our families.

Please send your donation to the front office clearly labeled-
Heather Yeo- AUCTION

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school at 410.313.2831 and ask to speak with Heather Yeo.

Thank you for your support,
Heather Yeo
PBIS Coach

