

October 2011
Newsletter



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School Safety

The students participated in a highly efficient fire drill in September and we will continue to have drills for disaster situations throughout the year.

Durham Intermediate School does not provide adult supervision for students after school. Please make arrangements for your student to leave campus and go to a safe location after school. **Students may not remain on campus after school without supervision.** Our supervision begins at DIS at 7:45am each morning; however, supervision is available at the elementary school at 7:30am. Thank you for your cooperation.

Our Crossing Guard wants to remind all drivers to slow down at our crosswalk and STOP if she has the sign out. Cars are required to stop if the crossing guard is in either of the crosswalk areas.

Progress Reports and Quarter Grades

Our first progress report grades were given on September 23. This is an opportunity for parents and students to celebrate the successes and discuss how to meet challenges that middle school students face. Remember, the staff here is a part of your child's educational team. If you have any questions, contact your student's teacher to discuss their grades and how you can support them at home. Our first quarter ends October 21. Grades will come out October 28. If you need support to access Powerschool information, please contact Mrs. Voris in the main office.

Halloween Costumes:

Students are allowed to wear costumes on October 31. The costumes must be in good taste, meet our dress code for body coverage and NOT include a mask or any sort of weapon. Please bring a change of clothes and remember that PE will require students to "dress down."

Reminder: Parent Conferences! Minimum Days: October 5, 6, 7

Please use this schedule for Wednesday and Thursday.
Wednesday has periods 1, 3, 5 and Thursday has 2, 4, 6.

Period 1 and 2	8:20-9:25
Period 3 and 4	9:30-10:35
Brunch	10:35-11:05
Period 5 and 6	11:10-12:15

Students will be released at 12:15 and buses will run at that time.

JOG A THON!!!

Our annual Jog A Thon is this Friday, October 7th. The school will have a modified schedule.

Period 1	8:20 to 9:15
Break	9:15 to 9:25
Homeroom	9:30 to 10:05
Release	10:05 (no earlier)
Run	10:15 to 11:15
Homeroom	11:15 to 11:25
BBQ	11:30 to 12:15

We need parent volunteers to help count laps. Come on by at 10:00 and we'll get you going. Thanks a bunch. All volunteers are welcome to stay for a BBQ lunch!!

Encourage your students to continue to get pledges!! All the money raised goes directly into the ASBO account for students.

The ASBO helps pay for Shady Creek, the 8th grade end-of-year trip, buses for field trips and much, much more!

DEAR PARENTS

The Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) group at Butte College will be working with the 8th grade students at Durham Intermediate School for the month of October to promote good study habits. Every 8th grade student who has no missing assignments in any classes for the month of October will earn **FREE** tickets to the Butte College football game on November 5. There will be a special section at the game honoring Durham Intermediate 8th graders who have no missing assignments.

Every Friday in October, 8th grade teachers will keep track of who is eligible. If you miss an assignment, you can make it up to still be eligible!! SIFE students will be at DIS during lunch throughout the month to help students who need it.

We want ALL 8th grade students at the game in November! Let's make it happen!

PTS Information

Our next general meeting is October 12 at 6:30 in the library at DIS. They will continue on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm.

Our JOG A THON is October 7. *We are looking for Jog A Thon prizes to give to our student participants. Just about any prize is welcome. We've had everything from tooth whitening strips to golf club head covers! Kids love prizes!*

BUY your DIS Panther Magnet! Only \$5 in the main office.

Web Page

Please visit our web page for important, up-to-date information. www.durhamunified.org/dis

RED RIBBON WEEK

October 24-28 is the DIS Red Ribbon Week. Our activities class is organizing games and activities to encourage students to be drug free!

Important Dates

October 5 – 7	Minimum Days – Parent Conferences
7	Jog – A – Thon
14	California Arts Day – Sidewalk art
17	Picture Retakes
21	End of 1 st Quarter
28	1 st Quarter Report Cards
November 11	Veterans' Day Holiday – No School
23 – 25	Thanksgiving Break
December 2	Progress Reports – 2 nd Quarter
14	Winter Band Concert
22 – Jan 6	Winter Break
January 13	End of 2 nd Quarter
16	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday – No School
20	2 nd Quarter Report Cards
February 16	Progress Reports – 3 rd Quarter
17 – 20	Presidents' Day Holiday – No School
27 – March 2	Shady Creek Environmental Camp for 6 th Grade
March 6	STAR Writing Test – 7 th Grade
TBD	Medieval Feast
8 – 9	Minimum Days – PEG Grading
13 – 14	PEG Presentations
16	End of 3 rd Quarter
21	Spring Pictures
23	3 rd Quarter Report Cards
April 2 – 9	Spring Break
17	Spring Band Concert 7:00pm
27	Progress Reports – 4 th Quarter
23-27	STAR Testing
May 7 – 11	DIS Olympics
11	Minimum Day – Grandparents Day @ DES
15	Open House
28	Memorial Day Holiday – No School
30	DIS Promotion Ceremony 7:00pm
31	Minimum Day – Last Day of School / End of 4 th Quarter

From the Health Office

Skin infections are common in school aged children. Most skin infections can be easily treated if identified in a timely manner. In recent years outbreaks of skin infections caused by antibiotic resistant bacteria have increased. Because of these concerns the California Department of Public Health has provided this information about MRSA for parents.

If you have further concerns please call the health office at 895-4697 ext 224 or Butte County Public Health Department 538-7581 www.buttecounty.net/publichealth/cder/mrsa.html

A Parent's Guide to MRSA in California

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What is Staphylococcus aureus?

Staphylococcus aureus (staph) are bacteria that many healthy people carry on their skin or in their nose. About 25% to 30% of people in the United States carry staph in their nose, but it does not make them sick. Staph can also be carried in the armpit, groin, rectum or genital area.

Most staph infections are minor and can be treated without antibiotics. However, staph can sometimes cause serious infections like pneumonia, blood or joint infections, and deep skin infections.

What is MRSA?

Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) is a type of staph that is not killed by penicillin and similar antibiotics. About 1 out of every 100 people carries MRSA without making them sick. In California over half of all the staph infections are caused by MRSA. MRSA infections do not look any different than those caused by ordinary staph.

What do staph and MRSA infections look like?

Common skin conditions caused by staph and MRSA may look like any of the following:

- Sores that look and feel like spider bites (but are not spider bites);
- Red painful bumps under the skin, called boils or abscesses;
- A cut that is swollen, hot, and filled with pus;
- Blisters filled with fluid or red skin with a honey-colored crust (usually on the face); or
- Red, warm, firm skin area that is painful and getting larger (usually on the legs).

How does a person get staph or MRSA?

Staph and MRSA can be spread when a person:

- has direct skin-to-skin contact with an infected person, or touch surfaces that have staph on them from someone else's infection (e.g., towels, athletic equipment, used bandages).

Staph is not usually passed through the air.

How are staph and MRSA infections treated?

Some staph skin infections are treated by draining the sores and may not require antibiotics. Draining these sores should be done by a doctor.

If the doctor gives you antibiotics, make sure you take all of the medicine, even if the infection is getting better. Do not share your medicine with anyone else or save it to use at another time.

Call your doctor back if the infection does not get better after a few days. If other people you know or live with get the same infection tell them to go to their doctor.

Is it possible to have another staph or MRSA skin infection after it is cured?

Yes. It is possible to have another staph or MRSA skin infection after it is treated. To keep this from happening, follow the doctor's orders while you have the infection, and follow the prevention steps in this pamphlet.

What should I do if I think my child has MRSA?

If you think your child has MRSA, call a doctor. Do not ignore the sore and hope it will go away.

Can a child with an MRSA infection go to school?

Unless the doctor advises not to attend school, children should be allowed to attend school as long as their infection is not draining and can be covered by a dry dressing.

If the child is involved in a physical activity or sport that involves skin-to-skin contact with other students, return to those activities should be approved by a school official or doctor.

Do schools need to be closed and disinfected if a student has an MRSA infection?

No, it is not necessary to close schools to “disinfect” them because of MRSA infections. MRSA is spread mostly by direct skin to skin contact with an infected person or from touching surfaces that have staph on them from someone else’s infection. If the student’s infection has been covered, then no special cleaning is needed. Cleaning and disinfection should be done on surfaces that are likely to contact uncovered or poorly covered infections.

What is the easiest way to prevent MRSA and staph infections?

Hand washing is the easiest way to prevent MRSA and staph infections.

What else can be done to help prevent MRSA and staph infections?

Bathe regularly,

Take good care of the skin; avoid skin damage, clean damaged skin promptly with soap and water,

Keep cuts and scrapes clean and covered with a bandage until healed. Pus from infected wounds can contain staph and MRSA.

Don’t share personal items such as towels, clothing, or other items that touch skin, and use a barrier (e.g., clothing or a towel) between your skin and shared equipment such as weight-training benches.

Wash soiled clothes, sheets, and towels with water and laundry detergent and dry completely in a hot dryer.

References:

California Department of Public Health, MRSA for Athletes: What You Need to Know,

<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/healthinfo/discond/Documents/CAMRSAForAthletes.pdf>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Questions and Answers about Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) in Schools, <http://www.cdc.gov/mrsa/index.html>

Box Tops for Education and Soup Labels

We are collecting Box Tops and Soup Labels to help us purchase more playground balls and other equipment. Just bring them into our office and Mrs. Voris will take care of them from there. More information, including lists of qualifying products, can be found on our website under “Student Activities/Fundraiser”

Thanks for your support!

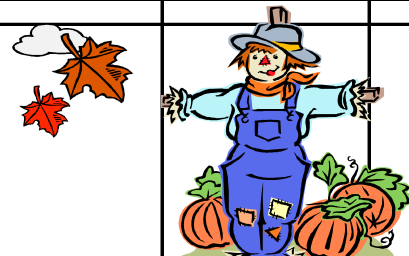


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October Menu

3	4	5	6	7
Buttermilk Bar LUNCH Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Hamburger Speciality Salad Sandwiches Chips	French Toast Sticks LUNCH Chicken Nuggets Teriyaki Dunkers Burrito Speciality Salad Sandwiches Oven Fries	Cinnamon Roll LUNCH Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Taco Stick Rotini w/Sauce Sandwiches Chips	Cheese Sticks LUNCH Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Chicken Burger Speciality Salad Sandwiches Chips	Breakfast Pizza LUNCH BBQ Burger BBQ Hotdog Salads Watermelon Sherbert Chips
10	11	12	13	14
Bagel w/CC LUNCH Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Hamburger Speciality Salad Sandwiches Chips	French Toast Sticks LUNCH Orange Chicken Egg Roll Chow Mein & Rice Speciality Salad Sandwiches	Cinnamon Roll LUNCH Tacos & Rice Burrito Hamburger Taco Salad Sandwiches Tortilla Chips	Breakfast Wrap LUNCH Chicken Burger Corndog Chicken Nuggets Sandwiches Speciality Salad Oven Fries	Muffin LUNCH Oven Fry Chicken Potato Smiles Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Sandwiches Special Salads
17	18	19	20	21
Buttermilk Bar LUNCH Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Hamburger Speciality Salad Sandwiches Chips	French Toast Sticks LUNCH Chicken Burger Rotini w/Sauce Fish Burger Sandwiches Speciality Salad Chips	Cinnamon Roll LUNCH Chicken Fajitas Tamales Spanish Rice Speciality Salad Sandwiches Tortilla Chips	Cheese Sticks LUNCH Cheeseburger BBQ Rib Burger Chicken Nuggets Sandwiches Speciality Salad Oven Fries	Breakfast Pizza LUNCH Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Turkey Corndog Speciality Salad Sub Sandwiches Chips
24	25	26	27	28
Bagel w/CC LUNCH Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Hamburger Speciality Salad Sandwiches Chips	French Toast Sticks LUNCH Teriyaki Dunkers Chicken Burger Taco Stick Speciality Salad Combo Wraps Potato Wedges	Cinnamon Roll LUNCH Spaghetti & Bread BBQ Rib Burger Meatball Sub Sandwiches Speciality Salad	Breakfast Wrap LUNCH Chicken Nuggets Burrito Oven Fry Chicken Sandwiches Speciality Salad Oven Fries	Breakfast Pizza LUNCH Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Cheeseburger Speciality Salad Sandwiches Chips
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Breakfast \$1.25
Lunch \$2.50
Ala Carte \$2.00

BREAKFAST DAILY

Grab -n- Go
Muffins
Yogurt
Grammich
Fresh Fruit
100% Juice
Choice of Milk

LUNCH DAILY

Small Salad
Veggie Cup w/Dip
Fresh Fruit
Choice of Milk

Prepay is Best!

You may prepay on your child's account at any time.
For account balances please call 895-4685 ext 232

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