

*September 2011  
Newsletter*



530-895-4690

### **School Safety**

*Scooters, skateboards and bikes...* We are sensitive to the fact that students make their way to and from school with different modes of transportation. For the safety of all members of our educational community, this is a reminder to parents and students that scooters, skateboards, and bikes are not to be ridden on campus or on the sidewalks surrounding the campus. Please walk on campus. Students will also need a way of storing and securing their scooter, skateboard, or bike as they cannot be taken from class to class.

*Closed campus...* Please remind your students that they are not allowed to leave campus during the day and that they cannot leave after the bus has dropped them off in the morning.

*Pick up and parking...* The GREEN loading zone on the road between the Intermediate and Elementary Schools is for bus parking and loading only. The busses leave to start their runs to student homes at 3:10. The green zone is open for all as soon as they pull away. Please use another area to personally pick up your student immediately after school.

### *Student Messages*

We get many calls during the day requesting that we deliver messages to students. Please help us to minimize these interruptions to class by making all of the necessary arrangements before the day begins. We will always make every effort to get this information to your student, but with only one person in the office, it can be a challenge on some days. Again, thank you for your cooperation with this issue.

### *Visitor Check In*

When you arrive on campus please check in at the office. For the safety of our students and school community, we need to know who is here.

### **Progress Reports and Quarter Grades**

Our first progress report grades will be 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.

### **Library Information**

DIS students and staff remain deeply grateful to **The Rotary Club of Durham** for their generous and steadfast support of our school library.

Ours is a student body that reads (!), and our library welcomes and appreciates donations of books suitable for middle school students. If you have no-longer-needed copies of such books, please consider donating them to circulate among our readers.

Presently we are in need of additions to these series: *Anne of Green Gables*, *Hank the Cowdog*, *The Hardy Boys*, *Percy Jackson & the Olympians*, *A Series of Unfortunate Events*, and, of course, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*.

We thank you for remembering us as you make room on your own shelves for new books!

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### **From the School Nurse: Medications at School**

If your child needs to take medicine while at school, by law, the district must receive a written Medication Authorization form signed by you **AND** the child's Health Care Provider. The Medication Authorization form is available from the DIS office or from the DUSD website [www.durhamunified.org](http://www.durhamunified.org) under the tab *Forms/Health Form/Authorization for Medication to be Given at School*. If the form is signed by you it can be faxed to your health care provider from school. Please bring the medication and signed form to the health office.

**Written authorization is required for both prescription AND over-the-counter medications such as Tylenol, Advil etc.**

State law allows children to carry and self-administer emergency (Epipen) or otherwise immediately necessary medication (e.g. asthma inhalers) if the child's parent and the health care provider give written permission. If your child needs to carry an inhaler or Epipen please contact the school as the Medication Authorization form still needs to be completed.

Alma Hayes, RN  
School Nurse  
Health Office 895-4697 ext 224

### **PTS Information**

Our next general meeting is September 14 at 6:30 in the library at DIS. They will continue on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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!*

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Project**

There will be an informational meeting for parents regarding the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Project soon. This project reflects the culmination of your student's learning throughout their middle school experience. We have developed a greater focus on the use of technology in both the development and presentation of student work in most classes. This is a great opportunity for them to express their learning with the tools they have acquired. Students will choose their area of research and are guided by a mentor here at school. The involvement and support of the home is important for the success of the student's journey.

### **Teacher Web Pages**

Look for your teacher's web page on line at <http://teacherweb.com/CA/DurhamIntermediate/>. Many of our staff members have their own web page to bring information from the classroom directly into your home! The web pages have areas that include homework, class notes, and links to other help sites, newsletters, supply lists, and other information that will keep you informed. This is also a friendly reminder that many teachers use a homework hotline to help our students stay informed. Please contact the teachers if you have questions.

### **Student Information**

*Election info:*

Elections Friday, 9/16

*Girl's Basketball Tryouts* will be on or about the 1<sup>st</sup> week of October.  
More info will follow.

### **School Site Council**

We are recruiting for parent/community members for School Site Council for 2011-2012. Our Council consists of parents, staff members, students and the principal. This is a great opportunity to represent the interests of our students and community. The responsibilities of the council include program direction and budget recommendations. If you are interested in becoming a member of this group, please email me your intent or use the form below to make your nominations for site council members by Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>.

Durham Intermediate School  
Site Council Member Nomination Form

I nominate \_\_\_\_\_ to be a member of the Durham Intermediate School Site Council.

Respectfully, \_\_\_\_\_  
(your name)

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### **Reminder**





**Minimum Days: September 8 and 9**

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

## Important Dates to Remember

September 1	Picture Day
5	Labor Day Holiday – No School
8 – 9	Minimum Days – Students dismissed at 12:15
16	Student Council Elections 9:30am / School Dance 6-8pm
23	Progress Reports – 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter
October 5 – 7	Minimum Days – Parent Conferences
7	Jog – A – Thon
17	Picture Retakes
21	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter
28	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter Report Cards
November 11	Veterans' Day Holiday – No School
23 – 25	Thanksgiving Break
December 2	Progress Reports – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter
14	Winter Band Concert
22 – Jan 6	Winter Break
January 13	End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter
16	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday – No School
20	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report Cards
February 16	Progress Reports – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter
17 – 20	Presidents' Day Holiday – No School
27 – March 2	Shady Creek Environmental Camp for 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade
March 6	STAR Writing Test – 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade
TBD	Medieval Feast
8 – 9	Minimum Days – PEG Grading
13 – 14	PEG Presentations
16	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter
21	Spring Pictures
23	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report Cards
April 2 – 9	Spring Break
17	Spring Band Concert 7:00pm
27	Progress Reports – 4 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> Quarter

# September Menu

Get Involved	Be Involved	Be Active	1	2
 5	 6	 7	Cheese Sticks <b>LUNCH</b> Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Chicken Burger Speciality Salad Sandwiches Chips	Pancake Stick <b>LUNCH</b> BBQ Burger BBQ Hotdog Salads Watermelon Icy Juicee Chips
<b>No School Labor Day</b>  12	French Toast Sticks <b>LUNCH</b> Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Hamburger Speciality Salad Sandwiches Chips	Cinnamon Roll <b>LUNCH</b> Teriyaki Dunkers Chicken Burger Baked Beans Speciality Salad Sandwiches Chips	Breakfast Burrito <b>LUNCH</b> BBQ Rib Burger Chicken Nuggets Speciality Salad Sandwiches Oven Fries	Bagel w/CC <b>LUNCH</b> Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Hamburger Speciality Salad Sandwiches Chips
Buttermilk Bar <b>LUNCH</b> Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Hamburger Speciality Salad Sandwiches Chips	French Toast Sticks <b>LUNCH</b> Teriyaki Dunkers Chicken Nuggets Sandwiches Speciality Salad Chips	Cinnamon Roll <b>LUNCH</b> Taco Bar Tamales Spanish Rice Speciality Salad Sandwiches	Cheese Sticks <b>LUNCH</b> Chicken Burger Burrito Turkey Corndog Sandwiches Speciality Salad Oven Fries	Muffins <b>LUNCH</b> Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Hamburger Speciality Salad Sandwiches Chips
Bagel w/CC <b>LUNCH</b> Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Hamburger Speciality Salad Sandwiches Chips	French Toast Sticks <b>LUNCH</b> BBQ Rib Burger Chicken Burger Assorted Wraps Speciality Salad Chips	Cinnamon Roll <b>LUNCH</b> Spaghetti French Bread Hamburger Sandwiches Speciality Salad	Pancake Stick <b>LUNCH</b> Chicken Nuggets Burrito Cheeseburger Sandwiches Speciality Salad Oven Fries	Muffins <b>LUNCH</b> Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Hamburger 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