

# Dragon Tales

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## District Budget Cuts

Mr. Scott Loehr, Superintendent, attended recent School Site Council and Parent Teacher Association meetings to discuss the state of the district budget. Sadly, we are predicting more cuts in the 2010/2011 school year. Because so many cuts have already been made to programs, administration and classified staff, we now have to lay off teachers. At the elementary level, that means we will increase class sizes in kindergarten through third grade to 26 students. Class sizes will not change in fourth and fifth grades. If you are interested in more information about the district budget, please refer to the district website at [www.centerusd.k12.ca.us](http://www.centerusd.k12.ca.us). Parent budget meetings are being scheduled and information about them can be found on the website.

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## Academic Talent Search

Academic Talent Search (ATS) is a unique summer program for current 4th-9th grade students. Students can attend challenging, fun classes on the Sacramento State campus in traditional subjects like English, Math and Foreign Language as well as creative classes not often available in schools like forensic science, cooking, law and engineering. Course fees range from \$114 to \$399 depending on the length of the course. To get involved, students must take the ATS Qualifying Exam. Testing is available at Sacramento State on the following Saturdays: February 6, February, 27, March 13 and March 20. If you would like more information, call 916-278-7032, email [ats@csus.edu](mailto:ats@csus.edu) or check out their website at <http://edweb.csus.edu/Projects/ats>.

## School Safety Plan Goals

The School Site Council reviewed the safety surveys which were completed by parents, students and staff. As a result of your input, the Council created goals to improve the learning environment for your child. The goals are:

~ As indicated on the Safety Survey, 80% of students will feel safe and secure at school as a result of staff cohesively communicating clear and consistent school rules and expectations and reinforcing safe practices.

~ As a staff, we will increase acknowledgement of positive student behavior so that 80% of responses on the Safety Survey indicate agreement that our students are acknowledged in a positive way.

~ 100% of staff will understand the Safety Plan procedures and their role in the Incident Command System.

~ Each member of the Incident Command Team will have a disaster kit filled with supplies that will be needed by their team during an emergency situation.

~ Site staff will work to increase student safety during arrival and dismissal times and when walking to and from school.

### Special point of interest:

Please visit our website at [www.DudleyElementary.org](http://www.DudleyElementary.org) for consistently updated news and information concerning Dudley Elementary School. The on-line calendar can also be accessed from this site.

### Five simple ways to bring more money to classrooms

1. Turn in an application for free or reduced breakfast and lunch.
2. Attend school on time, every day.
3. Report vandalism.
4. Volunteer.
5. Donate school supplies.

**Are you getting the Thursday phone messages from Mrs. Coronado? If not, call the office to make sure we have your correct contact number.**

Recycle your used consumer electronics: cell phones, laptop computers, Apple iPods, digital cameras, and digital video cameras can be donated to the school. Dudley can earn cash for recycling these items.

## From the Family Handbook

(Page 29) Homework Policy

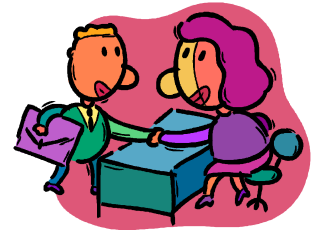
<u>Grade</u>	<u>Total Daily Average</u>
K	10 minutes
1	15 minutes
2	20 minutes
3	30 minutes
4 and 5	40-50 minutes

Absent students may have the same number of days to make-up missed work as the number of days absent. Students may receive an appropriate consequence for missing or incomplete work such as a loss of privileges so that homework can be completed.

## What to do if you have concerns

If an issue arises during the school year, we ask that you follow our concerns procedure as follows:

1. Make an appointment to speak with your child's teacher. Besides you, the teacher has the most direct contact with your child. Calmly explain your concern or issue. The vast majority of issues can be resolved at this level.
2. If you are not satisfied with the resolution, ask your child's teacher to set up a meeting with an administrator.
3. If the issue is still not resolved, the principal will contact other appropriate district personnel.



**Step #1—Meet with your child's teacher to discuss the issue or concern.**

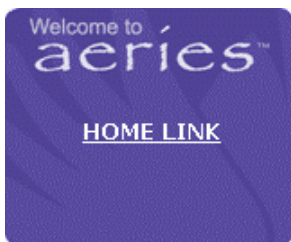
## Center District and Twin Rivers Police

We are fortunate to have the Twin Rivers Police Department on patrol in our district twenty-four hours a day. If you should witness an incident on campus during non-school hours that you believe needs to be reported to the police, please do the following:

1. Call 286-4875
2. Be prepared to give your name and phone number
3. State the exact nature of the incident
4. State the exact location of the incident
5. Indicate the number of Subjects and Direction of Travel
6. Give Complete Descriptions of Subjects and Vehicles
7. State the time element (whether or not the incident is in progress or has just occurred)



Home Link is a web-based interface that our district uses to allow parents and students to access grade, homework, and attendance information. To access your child's account, you will need:



- ◇ Internet-connected computer
- ◇ Your child's home telephone number with area code
- ◇ Your child's permanent identification number
- ◇ Your child's verification code
- ◇ A valid email account
- ◇ Web site: <http://abi.centerusd.org>

Contact Lisa Coronado at [Coronado@centerusd.k12.ca.us](mailto:Coronado@centerusd.k12.ca.us) with any questions.

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**Transportation 338-6418**

**Center USD District Office 338-6400**

**School Website:**

**[www.DudleyElementary.org](http://www.DudleyElementary.org)**

**Please call Dudley's office to report  
your child's absence. When illness  
is the reason, please let us know if  
your child is experiencing a fever,  
coughing, and/or muscle aches.**

# February/March 2010

	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
	1 Conference Week; early out - dismissal at 1:50	2 Conference Week; early out - dismissal at 1:50	3 Conference Week; early out - dismissal at 1:50  CUSD Board Meeting - North Country 6pm	4 Conference Week; early out - dismissal at 1:50	5 Conference Week; early out - dismissal at 1:50	6
7	8  Early Out day - dismissal at 1:50	9	10	11	12  NO SCHOOL	13
14	15  NO SCHOOL	16	17  CUSD Board Meeting - North Country 6pm	18	19  2nd Trimester Ends	20
21	22	23	24	25  Dudley Day at the Antelope Papa John's	26  Report Cards sent home  Dragon Day  Backwards Day	27
28	1	2	3  CUSD Board Meeting - Dudley 6pm	4	5  All School Photo - 2pm	6