



Dragon Tales

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California Healthy Kids Survey

All 5th grade students in CJUSD will be participating in the California Healthy Kids Survey during the week of March 15-19, 2010. This is a very important survey that will help us support your child with programs that emphasize positive youth development and well-being. The survey is anonymous, voluntary and sponsored by the California Department of Education. A copy of the survey your child will be taking is on file in the Main Office of your child's school. Parents/guardians wishing to preview the survey may do so during regular school office hours. If you have any questions, please call (916) 338-6413.

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District Geography Bee

On February 3, 2010, there was a district geography bee at North Country Elementary. Dudley had two representatives, Nicholas Rucker and Andrew Vincent. Nicholas got first place and Andrew got third place in this bee. Nicholas received a \$50 prize and a certificate, and Andrew won a \$20 prize.

- Written by Sean O'Byrne and Alexander Salvesson from Mrs. Bergeron's fifth grade class.

Sean O'Byrne interviewed district geography winners Nicholas Rucker and Andrew Vincent. All students are from Mrs. Bergeron's fifth grade class.

Sean: What was your winning question?

Nicholas: What small Asian country is home to eight of ten of the world's highest peaks? (Nepal)

Sean: How does it feel to get first place?

Nicholas: Exciting and also weird because I don't like to stand out, but it is still pretty cool.

Sean: What was your greatest source of support?

Nicholas: My parents and friends.

Sean: What was your hardest question?

Andrew: What body of water flows through New Hampshire? (Delaware Bay)

Sean: What was your greatest source of support?

Andrew: My teacher and parents.

Sean: Did you enjoy the geography bee?

Andrew: Yes, it was really thrilling.

Special point of interest:

Please visit our website at 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.

One of the biggest concerns from parents is student safety during arrival and dismissal times. Because we don't have the resources to monitor all areas, please call Mrs. Coronado if you are able to volunteer as a crossing guard.

Early out day change

March 8th will no longer be an early out day. The date has been changed to May 3rd. On this day, 1st-5th grade students will be dismissed at 1:50pm. Please make note of the change in your calendar.

Educational Websites

- Typeandspell.com - Open Court spelling lists are used to provide practice activities
- StarFall.com - online reading activities
- Spellingcity.com - practice spelling words with quizzes and games
- Freerice.com - vocabulary word practice with the opportunity to earn rice for developing countries
- (MathMagicians)
<http://resources.oswego.org/games/mathmagician/cathymath.html>
- Storylineonline.net - actors read childrens' books aloud
- Classbrain.com - provides help with projects and reports, such as the state report assigned in fifth grade
- Multiplication.com
- Math-drills.com - click on the skill at the top of the page then scroll down to print out practice sheets
- Factmonster.com - has a great math flashcard section
- IXL.com - a math website with pre-kindergarten—sixth grade skills
- Learningtoday.com - click on the free reading and math games in the middle of the home page
- Funbrain.com
- Pbs.org/parents - scroll over the education tab for ideas on how to create learning opportunities at home

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.

Getting to Know Mrs. Merdinger

Interview by Kyle Kringle, third grade

Kyle: Where did you go to school?

Mrs. Merdinger: Berkeley and UC Santa Barbara.

Kyle: What was your favorite subject when you were in school and why?

Mrs. Merdinger: Creative writing because I have a good imagination.

Kyle: Why did you become a teacher?

Mrs. Merdinger: I like teaching and was always teaching.

Kyle: Where were you born and did you grow up there?

Mrs. Merdinger: I was born in Berkeley and I did grow up there.

Kyle: What Club are you involved with?

Mrs. Merdinger: Music and math.

Kyle: What is your hobby?

Mrs. Merdinger: Music, reading, puzzles and spending time with my family.

Fifth Grade P.E.

By Dalton Mabery, fifth grade

Dudley Elementary P.E. is very fun. There are four P.E. units. The first one is volleyball. In volleyball, you will learn how to hit the ball, serve the ball and the best part is that you will be able to play games. In basketball, you will learn how to dribble, shoot and do layups and you can also play games. In dance, you will learn how to do the Electric Slide and the Cha Cha. You will break into groups that you get to choose. When you find your groups, you will have to make up your own dance routine and present it in front of the whole class. Hockey is the most fun to a lot of kids. In hockey, you learn how to shoot the puck, pass the puck and best of all, you get to play games.

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**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.**

March/April 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	1	2	3 CUSD Board Meeting - Dudley 6pm	4	5 All School Photo - 2pm	6
7	8	9	10	11 Spring Pictures	12	13
14 Free Family Concert - Camelia Symphony; 1pm at Center High School	15	16 Kindergarten Registration	17 Kindergarten Registration	18	19 PTA Movie Night; doors open at 6pm, movie begins at 6:30pm	20
21	22	23	24	25 Student Talent Show Dudley Day at Papa John's	26 Pre-registration forms due; teacher requests due	27
28	Spring Break March 29 - April 2 There is also no school on Monday, April 5.					6