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Dudley Office Summer Schedule

The office will close for the summer on Friday, June 11. The office will reopen on Wednesday, July 7. The office summer hours are 10:00am - 2:00pm.

Another school year comes to an end

It's hard to believe that the 2009/2010 school year is coming to an end. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support during my first year as principal. It's been a busy yet fulfilling school year.

To the fifth graders moving on to middle school and other students leaving Dudley, I wish you much success. To Mrs. Bergeron, who is retiring, thank you for your years of service to Dudley students and years of smiles you brought to the staff. We are sad to see you leave, but thrilled for you and the adventures that await.

For the 2010/2011 school year, the Center Unified Teachers' Union approved two furlough days. The two days will be teacher work days meaning student contact days will remain at 180 days. Because of this agreement, class sizes in grades kindergarten through third grade will remain at 22:1, the lowest ratio in the area. This also means that many of the teacher lay off notices have been rescinded. We are now waiting anxiously to find out if all our current teachers are able to remain part of our Dudley staff. The final change as a result of the furlough days will be to our calendar. The first day of school will be Tuesday, 8/3 and the last day will be Friday, 5/27. Besides the typical holiday vacations, school will also be out of session the week of 10/4 and the week of 2/21. You can find an updated calendar on our district website, www.centerusd.k12.ca.us.

Disaster Drill

On Friday, April 30, all schools in the Center Joint Unified School District will participate in an emergency disaster drill. Throughout the year, Dudley staff members have received training regarding triage procedures and the Incident Command System which is used by all emergency agencies. Throughout the year, we have held practice drills to implement our safety procedures. On April 30, teachers will receive envelopes with a scenario that may include an injury or an obstacle. Classroom teachers will triage the injuries and the search and rescue team will get injured students and clear obstacles. The final step will be reporting our status to our district office. Because of the drill, please make sure your child arrives to school on time, and do not plan on dropping off or picking up anything during the morning hours as the office will be closed.

Fencing

By Luke Slade

Three words: Fencing is awesome! But, before you can pick up your foil and glasses to protect your eyes, you have to learn basic steps. First, you need to learn how to advance. When advancing, you have to always keep your feet lined up. Next, you learn how to retreat. Then, you learn how to lunge. Finally, you need to learn the rules. After that, just be smart, be safe and have fun!

In celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday

A poem by Jazzmin Gomez

Who Am I?

Who am I, who am I,
Do I like chicken or pie?

Who am I, who am I,
Do the pigs like to fly?

Who am I, who am I,
I swear Mrs. Coronado does not lie.

I am not a bear, nor a mouse,
But I do live in a house.

I am not a shirt nor a skirt,
But I drink a lot of Squirt.

As my poem is ending, please give it a ten,
But all I want you to know, is my name is Jazzmin.

THANK YOU!

For the Supply Donations

- *Bailey Brown, Mrs. Kasai's class*
- *Anakin Highsmith, Mrs. Payne' class*
- *Attikus Highsmith, Mrs. Stolfus' class*
- *Cheyenne Smith, Mrs. Oliver's class*
- *Sabrina Smith, Mr. Carlson's class*
- *Diego Pantoja, Ms. Tarner's class*
- *Martha Pantoja, Mrs. Underwood's class*
- *Manjot Kaur, Mrs. Dzida's class*
- *Viviana Ho, Ms. Skogebo's class*
- *Benson Nguyen, Mrs. Nelson's class*
- *Ankit Sompura, Mrs. Chamberlain's class*
- *Blake Ross, Mrs. Chamberlain's class*
- *John Montoya, Mrs. Nelson's class*
- *Audrey Montoya, Mrs. Oliver's class*
- *Tomasito Montoya, Mr. Weidman's class*
- *Kyndle Shreader, Ms. Skogebo's class*
- *Jacob Kopchak, Mrs. Underwood's class*
- *Robert Surryhne, Mr. McCarthy's class*

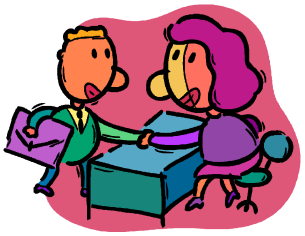
Visit to the Crocker

By Isabel Nidez, Mrs. Mason's class

The fourth grade classes at Dudley went to the Crocker Art Museum. Mrs. O'Connor wrote a grant that allowed all four classes to go for FREE! At the museum, we were led by an art docent. A docent is a museum guide. My docent showed my group a lot of things like Mrs. Crocker's pens, her daughter's dresses and other works of art. I saw really big pictures, an "eye" picture that stared at you, and a lot of statues.

Did you know that the museum was really a mansion? Mrs. Crocker gave the house to the state after Mr. Crocker died. I also learned that a new museum will open in October. We got a family pass, too. The Crocker Art Museum was really fun. Everyone should go if they get a chance.

What to do if you have concerns



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

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.

Getting to Know Mrs. Bergeron

Interview by Adante Lasartemay

Adante: Why did you decide to teach?
Mrs. Bergeron: I enjoy being with the students.

Adante: How many years were you a teacher? Did you enjoy being a teacher?
Mrs. Bergeron: I have been a teacher for eighteen years and have loved it.

Adante: Why are you retiring?
Mrs. Bergeron: It is time for a change. I still plan on working, hopefully at the movie theater.

Adante: What are you going to do when you are retired?
Mrs. Bergeron: Spend time with family, travel, relax

Adante: If you were to stay one more year, what grade would you teach?
Mrs. Bergeron: Fifth grade

Dudley PTA is now on Facebook

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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.

April/May 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					30 Disaster Drill	1
2	3 Early Out Day - 1:50 dismissal	4	5 CUSD Board Meeting @ Oak Hill 6:00pm	6	7 Perfect Attendance Field Trip to Funderland: Kinder/1st grade	8
9	10	11	12	13 Open House and Book Exchange @ 6:30pm—The PTA will sell hot dogs, chips and soda. Visit our CDC for ice cream.	14 Perfect Attendance Field Trip to Scandia: 2nd-5th grade	15
16	17 Early Out Day - 1:50 dismissal	18 Book Exchange	19 CUSD Board Meeting @ Oak Hill 6:00pm	20 Book Exchange Yearbook Distribution	21 Dragon Day, Beach Day (no swimsuits)	22
23	24	25	26	27 Last Day of School 5th grade promotion @ 9:30am Early Out Day - 1:50 dismissal	28	29