

# Dragon Tales

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## Cold and Flu Season

Cold and flu season has arrived at Dudley. The district website, [www.centerusd.k12.ca.us](http://www.centerusd.k12.ca.us), lists several flu resources under the "Quick Links" heading on the right side of the home page. The Center for Disease Control ([www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)) advises:

- Wash hands thoroughly with soap and warm water, or use hand sanitizer.
- Cough and sneeze in the crook of your arm or sleeve.
- Stay home if you are sick. Students should be fever free, without the aid of anti-fever medicines, for at least 24 hours.

If we all follow these simple guidelines, we can reduce the prevalence of these illnesses at Dudley.

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## Family Resource Center

We are fortunate to have services available to assist our students and families during economic difficulties. The C.U.S.D. Family Resource Center provides:

- Basic needs: school clothes, shoes, referrals for emergency food, assistance locating low income or emergency housing
- Direct educational support: school supplies, parent co-op preschool, adult English classes, GED classes
- Health support: health insurance access, counseling for MediCal eligible students and families, mental health consultation

If the Family Resource Center can't meet your needs, the staff will make referrals to outside agencies and advocate on your behalf. If you would like to access any of these services, contact Mrs. Coronado and she will make a referral. All information shared will be kept confidential.

## Kindergarten Lunch

Lunch is available for kindergarteners in the cafeteria. AM kindergarteners may eat from 12:05-12:20p.m. PM kindergarteners may eat from 11:30-11:45a.m. To have your child eat in the cafeteria, notify the office so an account can be created.

### 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.

### Free/Reduced Price Breakfast and Lunch

If your total house income is the same or less than the amounts listed below, your child may receive meals free or at a reduced price. Call the office to have an application sent home.

| <u>Household Size</u> | <u>Monthly Income</u> | <u>Annual</u> |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| 2                     | \$1,670               | \$26,995      |
| 3                     | \$2,823               | \$33,874      |
| 4                     | \$3,400               | \$40,793      |

For each additional family member, add \$577/mo.


This year at Dudley, we are increasing our focus on school safety. Our staff has received trainings regarding the Incident Command System which is used by all state and federal agencies such as the fire and police departments. The staff will soon be trained to follow triage procedures. With a donation from PTA, two-way radios were purchased for staff members with lead positions in the Incident Command System. Finally, materials and supplies are being gathered that will be needed during an emergency. All of our planning and practice will be tested in May when the Dudley community experiences a mock-disaster at school.

To help us focus on specific areas of need when creating our Safety Plan, please go to our website at [www.DudleyElementary.org](http://www.DudleyElementary.org) and click on the link for our school safety survey. Our Dudley staff has completed a survey as have our fourth and fifth grade students. We will compile all of our information to create an emotionally and physically safe learning environment at Dudley. Please take the survey before November 21, 2009. If you would like a paper copy, please call the office at 338-6470.

**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.

**Consider Purchasing Scrip for your Holiday Shopping**

 Scrip participation involves purchasing gift cards through our school. You will receive the full value of the gift card in return. Dudley will receive a percentage of sales. You can order online at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com), or you can email Mrs. Coronado at [Coronado@centerusd.k12.ca.us](mailto:Coronado@centerusd.k12.ca.us) and ask for an order form. If you plan on purchasing gift cards for holiday gifts, please consider doing so through Dudley.

## From the Family Handbook

### (Page 22) Behavior Support Plans (BSP)

A BSP is a written document that provides proactive action planning to address behaviors that are impeding learning. It includes positive behavioral interventions, strategies and supports. BSPs focus on understanding why the behavior occurs then focus on teaching an alternative behavior that meets the student's needs in a more acceptable way. This includes making instructional and environmental changes, providing reinforcement, and teaching reactive strategies and effective communication.

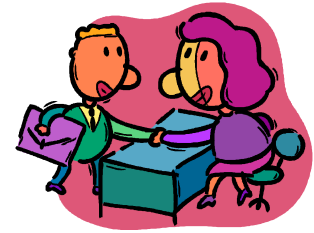
BSPs are a positive way to support a student when he/she displays any behavior that gets in the way of learning. Even daydreaming may warrant a BSP. If you feel your child would benefit from a BSP, contact your teacher to set up a meeting.

## 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.

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.**

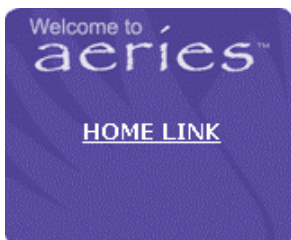
## Center District and Twin Rivers Police

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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We are on the web!  
[www.DudleyElementary.org](http://www.DudleyElementary.org)

Dudley Elementary Office 338-6470  
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**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.**

# December 2009 / January 2010

| Mon  | Tue            | Wed   | Thu   | Fri | Sat   |
|--|----------------|---|---|-----|---|
|  | 1              | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5   |
| 6  | 7              | 8   | 9   | 10  | 11  |
| 13   | 14             | 15<br>Performance—<br>Baca, Dzida,<br>Turner, Skogebo's<br>classes @ 6:30pm | 16<br>CJUSD Board<br>Mtg.—Wilson C.<br>Riles @ 6:30pm | 17  | 18<br>Dragon Day/PJ<br>Day and Early<br>Out—Students<br>dismissed at 1:50 |
| No School<br>December 21st - January 4th<br>Students will return on Tuesday, January 5th |                |   |   |     |   |
| 3  | 4<br>No School | 5<br>School resumes<br>School Site Council<br>mtg @ 3:30pm                  | 6<br>CJUSD Board<br>Mtg.—Antelope<br>View @ 6:30pm    | 7   | 8   |
|  |                |   |   |     | 9   |