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Disaster Drill

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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.

On Wednesday, October 26 all schools in the Center Joint Unified School District will participate in an emergency disaster drill. During the past two years, Dudley staff members have received ongoing training regarding triage procedures and the Incident Command System which is used by all emergency agencies. Each month, we hold practice drills to implement our safety procedures. On October 26, teachers will receive envelopes with a scenario that involves an intruder on campus. Some scenarios may include an injury or an obstacle. While the office staff verifies all students' location and reports on the incident to the district office, teachers will discuss the scenario and plans of action with the students. The last step will be to unite a few students with their parents (who have volunteered to participate in the drill). 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.

Flu Season

Flu season has already arrived at Dudley. We have recently had triple the number of usual absences. If your child displays flu-like symptoms, your child should stay home until he/she is clinically well and his/her temperature remains normal for 24 hours. Because we have been hit hard, we are immediately calling home for every child that mentions feeling unwell.

G.R.E.A.T Program

This year, fourth through sixth grade students will participate in the Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Program. Our School Resource Officer, Officer Kelly is trained to provide the G.R.E.A.T. instruction. This program teaches children life skills that are useful in making positive choices and in setting goals for their future. G.R.E.A.T. shows children, through role-playing scenarios and structured activities, how to interact with others, communicate, resolve conflict, and manage anger. G.R.E.A.T. also combats bullying issues.

Halloween

On Friday, October 28, Dudley Elementary School students will participate in our Dragon Day ceremony from 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. The spirit theme for October's Dragon Day was "Superhero Day." Instead, we will have a free choice dress up day where students can wear their Halloween costumes. At 10:15 a.m. all costumes must be removed for the remainder of the day so as not to interfere with learning.

Guidelines for costumes are as follows:

1. Faces must be visible, therefore, no masks or face painting.
2. Costumes must be "kindergarten friendly" – nothing violent or scary that would frighten a four year old student. No guns, knives or fake blood.
3. Costumes must be worn over clothing so they can be quickly removed at 10:15.

We understand that many parents and students will choose not to participate in this activity for religious, cultural or other reasons. As an alternative to this activity, your student will be redirected to the library until 10:30 by which time costumes will have been removed and the instructional day will begin. Should you choose for your child to go to the library, please deliver a note to your child's teacher. There will be no schoolwide Halloween activities on Monday, October 31.

"Be Here and Be on Time" Field Trip

This year, we hope to return to Fairytale Town/Funderland and Scandia for the "Be Here and Be on Time" celebration. Students who have perfect attendance and fewer than ten tardies will be invited on the field trip.

2011/2012 Fundraisers

Over the years, we have heard many comments of concern regarding fundraisers. We understand that you are hit with fundraisers from every child involved in a school, club or sport. With the current economy, many of you are struggling to provide the basics for your family and have no discretionary funds for other things. We understand that and never want you to feel obligated to participate in our school fundraisers. Only if you are able to help, or if the items will benefit you, consider participating in the fundraisers listed below:

- ◇ September 20 - Walk-a-thon: This will be the PTA's primary fundraiser. All proceeds benefit the students. Examples of expenditures include: Dudley Dollar store merchandise, free family movie night and field trips. **It was a beautiful, fun day that brought in about \$5400 for the PTA.**
- ◇ November/December - Scrip: If you are going to purchase gift cards for holiday gifts, please consider purchasing them through Dudley. The school Student Fund will receive a percentage of sales. Order forms will be sent home in late October or early November.
- ◇ November 14 - Ro-sham-bo coupon book: All proceeds will go towards Dudley's Student Fund. The Student Fund is used for playground equipment, the perfect attendance field trip and assemblies.

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)

Umpqua Bank Learn to Earn Program



Every Wednesday morning before school, an Umpqua bank representative is available in Dudley's multipurpose room as part of the Learn to Earn Program.

Why Learn to Earn? Developed in 1996 by a school administrator, the purpose of Learn to Earn is to educate and encourage children in grades kindergarten through eighth grade to save. We aim to:

- Provide an opportunity and the convenience for all children to bank consistently at school
- Encourage understanding and appreciation for saving and the development of life-long money management skills
- Promote partnerships between local schools and Umpqua Bank

How Learn to Earn Works Each week, bank representatives visit schools to accept students' deposits into their savings accounts. All other banking activities are done at the bank. Student-size passbooks and vinyl zipper bags to carry their deposits to school are presented to young savers. A savings account designed especially for students allows them to open an account with only \$1.00 and to earn interest immediately. There are no minimum subsequent deposit amounts and statements are mailed quarterly to students' homes.

Rewards for kids! Each time students make a deposit into their account, they receive a reward. In addition, ongoing games and special events help make this educational program fun. Plus, because they're making deposits into their account, students will earn interest on their account balance.

Send \$1.00 with your child on Wednesday morning to get started!

Free and Reduced Meal Information

If your total house income is the same or less than the amounts listed below, your child may receive school breakfast and lunch 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 Income</u>
2	\$2,268	\$27,214
3	\$2,857	\$34,281
4	\$3,446	\$41,348

For each additional household member, add \$589.

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 Martha Miranda in Dudley's office and she will make a referral. All information shared will be kept confidential.

From the Family Handbook

Animals on Campus

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We at Dudley request that animals, especially dogs, not be brought to the campus during the school day when dropping off or picking up a student. School Board policy prohibits animals from being brought on campus during the school day without prior approval. Please understand that even though you know and trust your dog, others do not. Many students and adults are fearful of animals so the animals cause a disruption on campus. You should also know that California has a dig bite statute that makes owners 100% liable if a bite occurs and the owner can be sued. Please help by not putting the students, you or your dog in an unpredictable and potentially dangerous situation.

Midnight
by Alurea
Mrs. Searls' 4th grade class

At midnight, I snuggle up so tight
Afraid of the creatures that could fill me with fright.
As the clock strikes twelve, I shiver with fear
As shadows appear.
But then I realize, they're not really there!

Fall is Magical
by Nuha
Mrs. Searls' 4th grade class

Fall fall, the leaves will drift off the trees to the ground. The amazing leaves are red, orange and yellow. A certain breeze will become of the day. You go outside to play. You enjoy Halloween and Thanksgiving. Well, guess what? They're holidays of fall. Apples, pumpkins, pears, fruits and vegetables are everywhere. You enjoy the fall day and night. Friends and family all over the place. In morning, you see the bright sun. At night, you see the beautiful shining stars. It's not like winter nor summer and spring. Fall is different from all seasons. All the matters is to enjoy fall.

Dudley Programs Update

All of Dudley's new programs are up and running.

- ◇ The Title 1 "Learning Center" is servicing over 100 students. Students who are below grade level receive small group instruction in English language arts and/or math four times per week.
- ◇ Our anti-bullying/empathy building programs, Healthy Play and Second Step, have been implemented in each classroom. Second Step lessons include videos, discussions and role-playing on the topics of empathy and emotion management. Healthy Play allows students to practice those characteristics during games.
- ◇ Mr. Myers is leading approximately 40 students in beginning and intermediate band. Band meets on Wednesdays and Fridays during the school day.

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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.

October/November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
23	24	25	26 Districtwide disaster drill	27	28 Dragon Day, Super-hero Day, Halloween costumes allowed during assembly	29
30	31	1	2	3	4 Report cards sent home Free PTA Movie Night - doors open at 6pm	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 NO SCHOOL - Veterans Day	12
13	14 Dudley's coupon book fundraiser kick-off (fundraiser ends 11/28)	15	16 CUSD Board Meeting - WCRiles	17	18 Dragon Day, Favorite Color Day	19