



Dragon Tales

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Elementary School

Welcome Back!

The school year has gotten off to a smooth start, thanks to the efforts of Dudley staff and families. This year, we have many changes that have occurred at Dudley. The new programs are described below as are our continuing programs.

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Title 1:

- ◇ Learning Center - Mrs. Mason and three part-time instructional aides will meet with small groups of students who have yet to meet mastery of the English language arts and mathematics standards. The English learner subgroup will receive improved targeted support.
- ◇ Counseling Center - Mr. Silverman will be on site four days per week. The counselor will work with groups of students in the areas of peer relations, anger management and grief. The counselor will oversee two part-time aides who will work with students who exhibit shyness, impulsive behavior and/or transition difficulties. The counselor will assist staff with behavior support plans and classroom management techniques and will provide resources to families.
- ◇ Technology - The web-based version of Accelerated Reader will be utilized so students will have a greater selection of quizzes. This will allow them to access more books in the school library. Accelerated math has been introduced in the Learning Center.

Safety:

- ◇ Campus Monitor - Mr. Calhoun regularly surveys the grounds to look for potential hazards and ways to increase safety. He ensures all adults on campus register in the office. He also monitors the parking lot and ensures the established procedures are followed.
- ◇ Surveillance cameras - Cameras will be installed throughout the hallway to monitor student behavior near the restrooms. The cameras will also assist in investigating vandalism.

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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.

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Sacramento Countywide Bullying Prevention Project (SC-BPP) Grant:

- ◇ Second Step Curriculum - All teachers will teach Second Step curriculum which focuses on skills for social and academic success. One lesson will be taught each week and the concept will be reinforced throughout the week and year.
- ◇ Healthy Play - Healthy Play focuses on character education, classroom management and conflict resolution through playground games and classroom activities. Two part-time child aides will assist teachers with implementation.

School Clubs:

- ◇ This year's clubs will include ukulele club, science club and Bible club. Band is taught during the school day twice weekly. Fifth and sixth grade students may hold VIP positions and assist the school in a variety of ways.

Spirit Days:

- ◇ College Day - Every Wednesday is college day. Staff and students are encourage to wear college-themed clothing. College flags fly in the hallways. The idea is to plant a seed for attending college at a young age so that students will view it as just another step in their educational future.
- ◇ Friday spirit days - Every Friday, staff and students are encouraged to wear red, our school color.
- ◇ Dragon Days - On the last Friday of every month, Dragon Day is held. In conjunction with this schoolwide assembly, students may dress up according to the month's theme. Examples include sports day, favorite color day and crazy hair day.

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.
- ◇ 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.
- ◇ Recycling: We hope to start a student-run recycling program.

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)

Dismissal

As many of you have witnessed, the area around our school during arrival and dismissal is quite busy. We understand that there are places that you must go after you drop off or pick up your child, but, please, slow down and be extra cautious.

Parking Lot:

To help keep our students safe, we must close the parking lot at the end of the day. Even if an adult is not present at the entrance, if the sign is not out or if it is an early out day, the parking lot is still closed. Please help to keep your children safe by cooperating with this procedure.

Bus Zones:

Please do not park against the school fence on Aztec during school hours. This is where our buses load. Busses arrive before school, during kindergarten arrival and dismissal times and at the end of the day. Also, if you walk by the busses after school, please consider using the crosswalk to walk on the opposite side of the street. Or, have your child exit through the c-wing gate with the north walkers. You can meet your child on the corner to avoid the bus area altogether.

Parent Waiting Areas:

When waiting for your child at dismissal time, please remain near the play structure on the blacktop, under the trees in front of the office or near the kindergarten area. Please stay out of the hallways to ease congestion. We try to remember to keep the main hallway gate closed, but even if we forget, the hallway is closed to parents.

Kindergarten Lunch

Lunch is available for kindergarteners in the cafeteria. AM kindergarteners may eat from 11:25-11:40a.m. PM kindergarteners may eat from 11:10-11:25a.m. To have your child eat in the cafeteria, notify the district food service office at 338-6416 so an account can be created.

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

Visitor and Volunteer Screening

To observe or volunteer in the classroom or on a field trip, you must go through our volunteer screening process.

- ◇ No Clearance Required: one time and/or special event volunteers (such as a guest speaker)
- ◇ TB Test and Megan's Law Database Check: required for all volunteers who will be supervised
- ◇ TB Test, Megan's Law Database Check, Fingerprint Clearance: required for all unsupervised volunteers who are likely to be alone with students (including field trip volunteers when there is a possibility of being alone with a student). The cost of fingerprinting was at the last inquiry \$52, paid for by the volunteer.

You may get the screening form in Dudley's office. The process takes time so get started early. Volunteers may not provide services until this form is completed and filed in the site principal's office and/or the Personnel Office.

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School Website:

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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.

September/October 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
18	19	20 PTA Walk-a-thon	21 CUSD Board Mtg. Wilson C. Riles 6pm Early Out Day - students dismissed at 1:30	22 PTA General Mtg. @ 6pm - all parents are invited to attend	23 PTA sponsored free bingo night - doors open at 6pm, games begin at 6:30pm and end at 8pm	24
25	26 Conference week - students dismissed at 1:30	27 Conference week - students dismissed at 1:30	28 Conference week - students dismissed at 1:30	29 Conference week - students dismissed at 1:30	30 Dragon Day, Sun- glasses and Shorts Day Conference week - students dismissed at 1:30	1
2	3-7 No School - Fall Break					8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Fall Festival
16	17	18 School Site Council mtg. 3pm in library	19 Early Out Day - Students dismissed at 1:30 CUSD Board Mtg. Wilson C. Riles 6pm	20	21	22