

DUNLAP GAZETTE

Dirk VanDiver, Principal
Carol Heck, Secretary

OFFICE HOURS: 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

January 8, 2010

Upcoming Dates:

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| January 14 | Chess Club 3:30 - 4:15 pm |
| January 18 | No School Martin Luther King Day |
| January 22 | No School Records Day/Professional Development |
| February 12 | No School |
| February 15 | No School - District Professional Development |

CHESS CLUB

Chess Club will meet every Thursday beginning January 14th. The club will meet in the cafeteria from 3:30 - 4:15 pm, for 8 weeks. Sign-up sheets have been sent home. There is a limit of 100 members, so send the forms back to assure a seat in the club.



PENNFIELD LIONS CLUB

The food drive the district held for the Lion's Club was an overwhelming success. Well over 50 Pennfield families were the recipients of a basket that was delivered by the Lion's Club on December 19th.

The basket contained food for a Christmas dinner, the canned goods collected, and some gifts for the family.

TEAM KATRINA SHIRTS

Katrina Brann, daughter of the late LaVerne Brann and Dunlap literacy aide Melanie Brann had surgery on her brain due to an infection in October. Katrina is in the 7th grade at Pennfield Middle School. Her sister, Melina, is a junior at Pennfield High School. Katrina spent a month in the Bronson ICU and is now in the Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Center in Grand Rapids. She continues to make progress down the long road to recovery.

If you want to support our efforts to raise funds for gas and food for the Brann family, please consider purchasing a "Team Katrina" T-shirt.

If you would like to place an order, stop by the office to sign up. Payment (**cash only**) is due at the time of order. Shirts are \$10.00.

GIVING

We are truly overwhelmed by the generosity and thoughtfulness of the families of our district.

Thank you so much for making our first attempt at supporting the Salvation Army a huge success, especially during one of the busiest times of the year.

When we gathered to brainstorm suggestions for helping the Salvation Army, the ideas just kept coming. Each grade level chose a different way to help. Mrs. Cole-Burland also arranged for a red kettle and an angel tree to be set up in our lobby.

Our building collected pop cans to return, held popcorn and book sales, a Santa Shop, hat days,

All of your combined efforts, allowed Dunlap Elementary to donate \$2,167.78. We also sent 75 Angel Tree gifts.

We realize that this was a lot to ask during December. We are so thankful to each and everyone of you who may or may not have been able to contribute in any of the above ways.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

We have just received our first check from Box Tops in the amount of \$576.80. Thank you for taking the time to collect them and send them in.

We are still collecting and will be sending in another batch at the end of February. The class that collects the most box tops this half will receive a pizza party. The overall winning class will **SLIME** Mr. VanDiver.

Winter Clothing for the Playground

If your child would like to play in the snow they will need to wear snow pants, however they are not required to wear snow pants to go outside if they are just going to walk around and play on the blacktop. Boots, hats, and gloves will also be needed.

If you were unable to find winter clothing (snow pants, boots, mittens etc.) please let us know. We have the "Panther Locker", that has been stocked with all of the above items. Your child may come in and pick out any item that they would like. We are always accepting donations for the lockers.

