

# DUNLAP GAZETTE

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*Pennfield Dunlap Elementary mission's statement: We believe our mission is to educate all students and to foster desire within them to achieve higher levels of academic performance, social responsibility, physical fitness, and emotional growth in a safe and secure environment.*

## Upcoming Dates:

### MEAP TESTING WEEKS

October 13—15

October 19—22

Please plan on your child attending school on these dates.

October 29 Picture Re-take Day

October 30 Halloween Parties

3rd grade 1:45 - 2:45

4th grade 2:00 - 3:00

5th grade 1:45 - 2:45

Any parent planning to volunteer in the classroom will need to fill out the **Volunteer Consent Form**, available in the office.

## Building Visitors

All visitors to the building are asked to come to the office and sign in. We will give you a visitor badge so that staff will know that you have checked in with the office.

Thank you for signing in, as we make every effort to keep our students and staff safe during the school days.

## MEDICATIONS

If your child needs to take medication (either prescription or over the counter) the school is willing to dispense it for you. Before we can do that we will need to have a parent fill out a medication form. Once that is filled out an adult will need to bring the form and medication to the building. PLEASE DO NOT SEND medication with your child. We do not provide medication to students unless you have filled out the form and brought it into the building. Prescription medications must be delivered in the correct prescription bottle.



## PENNFIELD CHILD CARE PROGRAM

The district offers morning care for Kindergarten through 5th grade. To make arrangements please call Jane Haudek, Purdy Elementary Principal at 961-9796.

Your Dunlap student can be dropped off in the morning at Purdy Elementary and then ride the bus over here to Dunlap for the start of the day.

## ROOM PARENTS - BUILDING VOLUNTEERS

We are starting a new safety procedure at Dunlap Elementary. We will be piloting this process for the district. Any person coming into the building to work with children, that are not employees of the district, will be asked to fill out a Volunteer Consent Form. This form just asks for your general information. The district will go onto a website that has access through the Michigan State Police. Any information that would be obtained through the search is strictly confidential. The Superintendent's office will notify our building whether an applicant has permission to volunteer or not. This search is good for one school year. Each year you will need to fill out one application per person.

Thank you for your help keeping our students safe.

## NEWS FROM THE CAFETERIA

Mrs. Goshorn and Mrs. Fay wanted to let you know that the kids are now able to buy snacks along with their lunch. The snacks range from .25 - .50 cents in cost. Some of the items to choose from are Little Debbie's, chocolate chip cookies, snack mix, marshmallow treats or granola bars. **Please be aware that purchasing snacks will decrease their account balance.**

## 3rd Grade Fire Prevention Poster Contest

We have a winner, Samantha McCann, a 3rd grade student in Mrs. Shelley Sidnam's room. Samantha and her family will be picked up by Pennfield's Fire Department Chief, Tim Smith. Chief Smith will pick Samantha and her sister Callie up from school and take them to Slice of Fun (formerly Pizza Galaxy) for lunch.

Congratulations Samantha, hope you had a great lunch.

## Summer Writing Program

October 14, 26 Dunlap students took a trip to Barnes and Nobles. The trip will include a tour, a free book of their choice, and pizza lunch. The 26 students completed their assignment of writing during the summer months.