

DUNLAP GAZETTE

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Carol Heck, Secretary

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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:

October 30	Halloween Parties: 3rd & 5th Grades 1:45-2:45 4th Grade 2:00-3:00
November 2	Fundraiser Kick-off Assemblies & Sales Begin!
November 6	Picture Re-take Day First thing in the morning
November 16	End of Fundraiser-all order forms due!
December 11	Delivery Day Fundraiser Products! 3:15-5:30 in the Dunlap cafeteria

CONFERENCES

November 9	4:00 - 7:30
November 16	4:00 - 7:30
November 18	4:00 - 8:00

Parents Dropping Off Students

Parents, you are more than welcome to walk for a minute with your children down the hallway. We do ask that you have a Visitor's Badge with you at all times. However, we would ask that you not linger in the hallways or classrooms. We want to work with you to create a level of independence and responsibility within your children. If you need to speak with your child's teacher, we would be glad to get a message to them. Thank you.

Early Dismissal Due to Weather or Illness

Occasionally, it is necessary to dismiss early due to deteriorating weather conditions or a high percentage of student illness. Please review your early dismissal plan for effectiveness, or send one in if we do not have one on file. If at all possible, choose a plan that will work without requiring a phone call. Thanks for your patience and understanding with the most recent dismissals.

Fall/Winter Clothing for the Playground

Now that the weather has turned cooler, the noon supervisors want to remind students to make sure they bring warm enough clothing to play outside. Every student will need a coat to play outside at recess. Our playground is wide open and the wind is very cold when it is blowing. If students are wearing shorts or skirts, please also send along leggings or sweats.



Picture Re-take Day

We have moved re-take day to Friday, November 6th. Mr. Prater will start taking pictures at 8:30 a.m. He will be here for just an hour.



If you are having re-takes and have already had a package taken, you will need to return the package on the day of re-takes.

If you missed our original picture day and are getting a package for the first time, you will need an envelope and payment for the package ordered.

Mr. Prater's number is 781-5944 if you have any questions.

2009 Global Citizens

Last May, fourth grade students from around Battle Creek attended the Clean Water Festival at Kellogg Community College. Students who chose to, could enter a poster contest. Dunlap Elementary had four finalist in the Clean Water Festival Poster contest. Marlee Denton, Torey Fischer, Allison Mingle and Emily Angus made it to the finals. The girls received a bag that contained a poster of their picture, a certificate and a t-shirt that had the winning picture. Great job girls!

STUDENT ILLNESS

We have had a large percentage of students absent due to illness. If your child has a fever, or flu-like symptoms, please keep them home until those symptoms subside. Students must be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school. This will help to keep us as healthy as possible at Dunlap! Thanks so much for your cooperation!

EARLY DISMISSAL REMINDERS

Please remember that your child's instructional day is 8:10-3:15. Please refrain from removing your child from school earlier than that, unless prior arrangements are made with Mr. VanDiver. Also, please remember to identify yourself to the staff member that monitors student release. Finally, please sign your child out on the sheet that is on the table in the hallway. Thanks for helping us keep your children safe!